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Most of the accompanying information, relating to the Diller family, or families, now living in various portions of Pennsylvania and other States, whose ancestors resided in and near New Holland, Lancaster County, has been furnished to me during the last few years by different members of those families.

While fully conscious of the incompleteness of the record, I have, at the request of several of the parties interested, combined the facts obtained up to this time, and herewith transmit them in printed form to you, partly because I suppose you will be glad to receive even this imperfect memorandum, and partly in the hope that you will correct any errors you may see in the statements made, and supply such additional information as will help to eventually form the basis of a more complete record.

J. L. RINGWALT,

November, 1877. *No.* 1218 *North Tenth Street, Philadelphia.*

CASPAR DILLER'S MIGRATIONS.

On July 24, 1877, my uncle, George W. Ringwalt, who resides near Allen P. O., Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, visited David Diller, M.D., residing at York Sulphur Springs, Adams County, Pennsylvania, and obtained from him the following interesting statement relating to the name Diller, the circumstances that led to Caspar Diller's emigration from Europe, and his descendants:—

Where did Caspar Diller come from? And what caused him to come to America? Let us examine history. Religious wars disturbed Europe after

the Reformation, 1517. The Massacre of St. Bartholomew took place in France, in 1572. In 1598 was published the Edict of Nantes, granting equal rights to Protestants. In 1685 this Edict was revoked, and Protestants were again persecuted in France. Children, at the age of seven, by apostatizing, were declared independent of their parents; military executions were employed to enforce uniformity of worship; Protestant marriages were declared illegal, and their offspring illegitimate. Hereupon 15,000 persons fled to Hamburg and Amsterdam, in Holland; and, in the five years following, no less than one million fled to Holland, England, and America—for Wm. Penn, in 1682, had already colonized Pennsylvania. Alsace was nearly depopulated, because it was on the German line. The Prince of Orange raised three regiments of French Protestants, which he collected in Holland, etc. Now, the probability is that Caspar's father went from Alsace, in France, about the year 1685 or 1690 to Holland. From there Caspar went to England. Caspar was about 10 or 15 years old at that time. He lived to be about 100 years old. He was still living on the 16th December, 1769. He died about the year 1770 or 1775. Tradition has it that this Caspar married a woman in England, who was of large stature, masculine development, and had a bountiful supply of hair. It may be remarked here that in Alsace the people speak both French and German. That Caspar was of French extraction is evident from the names of his two oldest sons, Han Adam and Han Martin. This name Han is a corruption of the French name Jean, which, as pronounced in the provinces where French and German intermingle, sounds pretty much like Han. Jean is our English *John*. As proof of Caspar's nativity, I may add that, at the present day, there are Dillers in Alsace, France (it is now German territory), who, I am told, resemble us in features, and in character—being impulsive and energetic. Now the whole matter may be stated as follows: The father of Caspar, with his family, fled from Alsace, France, in 1685, when the Edict of Nantes was revoked, and came into Holland. His name in France was *De-llér*, pronounced De-lare. Now in Holland to pronounce De-lare, they had to spell it *Düllör* or *Dülör*. Mark this spelling! It was in Holland that he learned to make, or did make, wooden shoes. (Juliana Diller, now Dietrich, of New Holland, had a pair of wooden shoes of his manufacture.)

That Caspar went to England is proved by his marriage with an English woman. Whether his father also went to England is not known. Now for the name again. The English have no *ü*, so they put a double e for it; and on

this first syllable placed the accent, thus *Deelor*. They also dropped the German or Dutch ö, and made it simply o. Some one in America knowing the origin of the name, restored the letters as nearly as possible, without greatly varying the original pronunciation. Thus *De-llér* = DILLER.

Caspar's affection for his French kindred, country, and language must have been very strong; because he called his two oldest boys by the name of JEAN, or as corrupted HAN—the first Han Adam and the second Han Martin—a common way of naming in France—and the youngest Caspar.

Now I will give my genealogy as follows —

1st Generation in America.	CASPAR, Sen.	
2d HAN (JEAN) ADAM.	[2]HAN (JEAN) MARTIN.	[2]CASPAR, Jun.
3d ADAM	[3]ADAM.	[3]MARTIN.
4th PETER, married	[4]ANNA MARGARETTA.	
5th DANIEL married		[4]ANNA.
6th	[6]DAVID.	

Here is another method to reckon my genealogy.

1. Caspar, Sen. begat [2]Hans Adam, and [2]Hans Adam begat [3]Adam, and [3]Adam begat [4]Peter (who married his second cousin, [4]Anna Margaretta Diller, who was the daughter of [3]Adam, who was the son of [2]Hans Martin, who was the son of [1]Caspar, Senior), [4]Peter begat [5]Daniel (who married [4]Anna, who was the daughter of [3]Martin, who was the son of [2]Caspar, Junior, who was the son of[1] Caspar, Senior), [5]Daniel begat [6]DAVID.

I was born near Hanover, at Plum Creek, York County, Pa., January 18th, A.D. 1836. DAVID DILLER, M.D.

Reside at present, York Sulphur Springs, Adams County, Penna.

I have sought in vain in Rupp's book of 30,000 names of original German immigrants in Pennsylvania for an exact record of the time when Caspar Diller went to Lancaster County. The date of the various settlements in that county indicate that it was some years later than the beginning of the last century. Rupp's history of Lancaster County says the original Diller immigrants arrived there about 1731, and this theory is, in substance, although not explicitly, adopted in the interesting history of the Three Earls, read by Mr.

Frank R. Diffenderfer at the Centennial Celebration in New Holland, on July 4, 1876. Some members of the family now residing in the vicinity of New Holland think the date of immigration was about 1729. It is certain that the original Caspar Diller was in Lancaster County in 1738, because the land records of Lancaster County show that, in May 28, 1738, Amos Lewis conveyed to Caspar Diller a part of a 500-acre tract patented to him (Lewis) June 15, 1733, viz., 250 acres. There is also a record showing that Caspar Diller, and Barbara, his wife, on November 17, 1744, conveyed to their son Adam (presumably Philip Adam) 100 acres of the 250. There is a tradition communicated to me by my uncle, George W. Ringwalt, that when the original Caspar Diller immigrated he brought with him two sons and three daughters (his other children being born in this country), and if we suppose that he was the father of Philip Adam Diller (the progenitor of the New Holland and Hanover, York County, branch of the family) whose Bible record says he was born in Pfalz, or the Palatinate, about 11½ miles from Heidelberg, in 1723, and that this son of Caspar came to this country with his father some time previous to 1738, all discrepancies will be reasonably well accounted for.

There is nothing forced or unnatural in the supposition that the first Caspar Diller, after being driven with his father from Alsace to Holland, and going thence to England, subsequently went to Germany before he emigrated to America. This course was pursued by many of the sorely persecuted French Protestants and German Palatines. The introduction to "Rupp's Collection of upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French, and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776," says that of the large number of refugees "that came to England in 1708 and 1709, *seven thousand*, after having suffered great privations, returned, half-naked and in despondency, to their native country. Ten thousand died from want of sustenance, medical attendance, and from other causes. Some perished on ships. The survivors were transported to English colonies in America."

Thinking that possibly Caspar Diller might have been among the number of those who were sent to New York by Queen Anne, about 1710, I examined the lists of many of those persons, published in the Archives of New York, but without finding his name; and although this fact is not in itself of material importance, it forms a link in the chain of circumstances which has led me to believe that Caspar Diller was one of the seven thousand refugees, mentioned by Rupp, who went to Germany from England, and if he selected as his new

home Baden, in the lower portion of the Palatinate, such action would correspond with the fact that he was the father of Philip Adam Diller, progenitor of the New Holland and Hanover Dillers.

The Dillers of the Old World are evidently children of the great historic river Rhine; and a friend of mine who recently visited Holland, says the name is very common on the signs of that country, near the Rhine. One of the professors in the Heidelberg University, who is reputed to be a very eminent scholar, is named Diller. As the vicinity of Heidelberg (formerly in the Palatinate, but now in Baden) was the birthplace of Philip Adam Diller, son of the immigrating Caspar Diller (and probably the home of Caspar Diller himself for some time before Philip Adam Diller was born), the following brief references to the history of Heidelberg, extracted from an encyclopædia, throws an interesting light upon the position of affairs in that part of Germany for some years previous to Caspar Diller's emigration to the American colonies: "Heidelberg was plundered and partly ruined by Tilly in 1622, by Turenne in 1674, by Melac in 1688, and by Marshal de Lorges in 1693. These misfortunes led to its decline in political importance, which was finally completed by the residence of the electors being removed to Mannheim in 1719. It was united to Baden in 1802."

An eloquent *résumé* of the characteristics and history of the region in which the Dillers of the olden time dwelt, is contained in the address delivered by E. K. Martin, Esq., at the centennial celebration in New Holland, in 1876, from which I extract the following: On two sides of the Rhine, nestling among the provinces of Bohemia and Baden, Alsace and Lorraine, its ancient territorial boundaries obliterated to-day from the maps of the world, lies the garden of Europe, furrowed by valleys the fairest on the continent, on whose sunny slopes still dwell the happiest and most peaceful peasantry on the face of the earth, stretching backward to the dykes of Holland, and forward to the Vosges of France, and the foothills of the Alps; on its right the womb from which issued the Saxon on his mission of civil liberty; upon its left the nation of sturdy traffickers, at whose knee England caught the mystic art that distinguished her in the markets of the world. To-day it is the brightest jewel in the crown of the German Empire. Bigoted its people may have been, but it was the stern bigotry which stepped into the breach with Luther when England was treating for terms at the Pontifical Court. It was the bigotry that bolstered the falling fortunes of Gustavus Adolphus, and bared its breast to the sanguinary cruelty

of Tilly. Superstitious they may have been, but it was not a superstition that interfered with the consciences or the happiness of others. There was in it neither persecution nor proselytism; it was a reverential awe for the workings of nature, which they could not understand, for the attributes of Deity, which they might not comprehend—the simple childish veneration of a religious disposition, expending itself in ways sometimes, perhaps, fantastical and absurd, but never cruel nor malicious. Upon such a people, lulled to security by the conciliatory temper of Richelieu and the kindly offices of Mazarin, surrounded by the comforts of more than a quarter of a century of peace, burst the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, to be followed by the brutal soldiery of Turenne and Montclas. Spires and Worms, Heidelberg and Mannheim went down in flames. The electorate of Treves and the margravate of Baden were covered with desolation. Such was the Palatinate and its fate. It is the story of our ancestors, yours and mine.

FAMILY TRADITIONS.

Dr. David Diller, after seeing proofs of most of the matter published herewith, kindly writes to me in reference to the subjects discussed above as follows, under date of November 19, 1877:—

I think you are about correct in your hypothesis that the original Caspar Diller was one of the seven thousand that returned from England to the Continent, and from thence migrated to America. But that he resided for some time in Holland prior to going to England, seems incontestible from the differences in the orthography of the name, and various other circumstances. However this may be, tradition has it, and I have often heard my aunts say so, that he married in England; and that when he went to the neighborhood of New Holland, and bought property, his wife had a linen apron full of silver. Taking all the evidence together, it appears that after his marriage in England he turned his face again toward his native land, whither he went with the seven thousand returning German emigrants; but that his wife, being of English origin, and unable to adapt herself to the language and customs of the Continent, or, perhaps, owing to the unsettled condition of the country, they concluded to seek a peaceful abode in the new world. It also appears evident from your statement that the Han (Jean) Adam is synonymous with Philip Adam.

In regard to the relationship between the New Holland, Hanover, and Ring-

walt branches of the Diller family, and various traditions of general interest, I have received the following statements. Mr. Charles Diller, who, like myself, is a descendant of two branches of the Diller family, in a letter he sent to me from Sterling, Illinois, dated December 8, 1875, says:—

"Of the oral family history, our grandmother Ringwalt (born Catharine Diller) was better posted than any person of my acquaintance. Some thirty years ago, while on a visit to Carlisle, she gave me a full, and I believe a complete, history of the family, from the first emigrant down to that time. I have always been impressed with the thoroughness of her narrative. For a long time I remembered the most of it, but don't now feel confident of my remembrance.

"Aunt Betsy Diller (sister of Catharine Ringwalt) was well acquainted with the history, but her knowledge was not so full or perfect as grandmother's. They were the only persons who traced the relationship between the different families.

"I have no written account of grandmother's history. As I now remember it, the first Diller lived over towards the Welsh Mountain. He had three sons. She gave their names; also the names of their children. One of the sons was the father of Peter Diller, my grandfather (that is, Philip Adam Diller). One was the head of her family, that is, her grandfather (or Han Martin Diller, son of Caspar). One was the head of the family living in Cumberland County and elsewhere (that is, Caspar Diller, Jr.). She called that first Diller, Caspar."

Other testimony concerning the relationship between the Hanover and New Holland branches is contained in the following extract from letters I received from Levi A. Diller, son of Solomon Diller, of New Holland, dated New Holland, November 11, 1875: "The Hanover Dillers we know all about here. They have visited here, and uncle Roland them. Their grandfather and my father were first cousins. *They are in our direct line of Dillers.*"

The following extract from a letter I received from Mr. Levi A. Diller, of New Holland, son of Mr. Solomon Diller, dated October 18, 1877, in reply to inquiries, cleared away doubts I had previously had as to whether Philip Adam Diller from whom they are descended, was the son, or the grandson, of the immigating Caspar Diller. He says:—

"We fail to understand exactly the link wanting to connect our family with the Hanover branch. We have it plain enough here, and if the Hanover Dillers are descended from Caspar Diller, so is my father. I enclose you the

names of Philip Adam Diller's sons, who came of age and were heads of families."

This inclosure is as follows:—

Philip Adam Diller had four sons, Adam, Leonard, Peter, Isaac:—

Adam had sons—Peter,[1] John, George, Adam.

Leonard had sons—George, Jeremiah, Adam.

Peter had sons—Isaac, Samuel, Roland, Solomon, Levi.

Isaac had sons—Jonathan, William, Isaac,

and by second wife had sons—Graybill, Adam, Amos.

My grandmother Ringwalt, Solomon Diller, and Dr. David Diller are doubtless correct in their presumption that the Hanover and New Holland families are closely related. There is an exact agreement, too, between my grandmother Ringwalt's statement that one of the three sons of the original Caspar Diller was the father of the Philip Adam Diller from whom Solomon and Roland Diller are descended, and the statement of Solomon Diller that he is the first cousin of the grandfather of the Hanover Dillers.

Another interesting statement is given below, from Peter Diller, of Cumberland County, one of the descendants of the Caspar Diller who was the son of the original Caspar Diller. I received from him a letter in November, 1877, which embodied a revision and several important additions to a statement he had made in writing to George W. Ringwalt in October, 1876. As thus amended, his account is as follows:—

I will try to state as much as I know about our progenitors. In the first place, I begin with my great-grandfather and your mother's great-grandfather, who was Caspar Diller, from Germany, who settled near New Holland, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and bought a place called Hole Place (Loch Platz), and was a shoemaker by trade, and got to be very wealthy. He lived to be near a hundred years old, and had ten children living when he died. The name of the oldest son was Philip Adam, and the second son's name was Han Martin; and then he had seven daughters—their names I do not know, but the names of their husbands were Breckbill, Keiner, Sweiger, Imboda, Croft,

[1] Peter married a sister of Mrs. Jacob Ringwalt, and moved to Hanover. Therefore, Peter (of Hanover), Adam's son, and Solomon (of New Holland), son of the Peter who was the son of Philip Adam, were first cousins, and in this manner we trace our connection with the Hanover Dillers. Everybody here is under the impression that Philip Adam was a son of Caspar.

Ensminger, and Sensabach. And, last of all, he had another son, and gave him his name, Caspar; and this Caspar was my grandfather, who came across the river, after he had five children, and lived in this (Cumberland) County, and died at the age of fifty-six years. His surviving family consisted of seven sons and five daughters. Of the other two male tribes I do not know very much; but what I do know is this: that Philip Adam had a son called Adam, and this Adam had a son called Peter, and lived near Hanover, and was married to Anna Margaretta Diller, daughter of Adam Diller, his second cousin, which last-named Adam Diller was a son of the above-named. Han Martin, who was a son of the above-named Caspar Diller from Germany, had, no doubt, a large family left, as well as the other two tribes; but I only know of four—your mother (Mrs. Ringwalt), Anna Margaretta Diller, Mrs. Susanna Sheaffer and Betsy Diller, who lived to be eighty-four years old when she died, and was unmarried at the time of her death. Mrs. Ringwalt was the mother of eighteen children, fourteen sons and four daughters, who were all alive when Louis, the youngest, was twenty-two years old, and then Mrs. Strine died in her forty-seventh year.

Caspar Diller, the youngest child of Caspar Diller from Germany, emigrated from the vicinity of New Holland to Cumberland County, in the year 1772 or '73, when my father was five years old, and he was the third child of this second Caspar Diller. What little I know of the original Diller family I have from my father.

I have a deed in my possession, dated December 16th, 1769, of the sale of 336 acres of land from Caspar Diller to his son Caspar.

His signature: His CASPAR CED DEELOR. Mark.

Sincerely yours,
PETER DILLER.

[It will be perceived that in the above signature the letters CED are substituted for the × commonly used where a name is not written. A learned friend suggests that they are intended to represent the words *Christus est Deus*, or Christ is God; and this form may have been adopted by Protestants embittered by persecution, for expressing an idea analogous to that which led to the use of the × in signatures in Catholic countries.]

DESCENDANTS OF HAN MARTIN DILLER.

The matter in the preceding pages relates more particularly to the descendants of the two sons of Caspar Diller, named Philip Adam, and Caspar, Jr. In regard to the descendants of the other son of the immigrating Caspar, named Han Martin, who was the father of the Adam Diller who was, in turn, the father of Mrs. Catharine Ringwalt, born Diller (who was my grandmother), I have received the following information.

The date of the birth of my grandmother, and her three sisters, was as follows: Anna Margaretta Diller, born November 29, 1773; Catharine Diller, born January 17, 1776, died in 1858; Susanna Diller, born October 3, 1777; Elizabeth Diller, September 23, 1788. Being informed that the dates of the birth and death of the parents of the Dillers, named above, were on their tombstones in the Lutheran graveyard in New Holland, to obtain those inscriptions, I wrote to New Holland, and obtained the following reply from Levi A. Diller, son of Solomon Diller, dated New Holland, January 12, 1876.

Below, find inscriptions on tombstones as requested.

PHILIP ADAM DILLER,
Born January 31st, 1751;
Died December 27th, 1792; aged 41. 10. 27.
In Memory.
ELIZABETH DILLER.
Wife of Adam Diller.
Died January, 1842; Aged 92 years.
"Weep not for me,
For all your tears are vain;
Prepare to meet your God,
That we may meet again."

The above is a correct copy of your great-grandmother's tomb: no date of birth, and no day of the month is given. It is evident the stone was put up some time after her death, and by some one who did not know of the day, and nobody here has any record of her birth.

[It is my individual impression that she died some years earlier than 1842, because I left New Holland in 1840, and I think she was dead before that time. J. L. R.]

The name Philip, also, is not recognized on her tomb, merely Adam. My father pointed the graves out to me, and he even had forgotten, or did not know, his name was Philip Adam, the same name as his grandfather.

[I think it probable his name was Adam, as it is so reported by Dr. David Diller, and so recorded on my great-grandmother Diller's tombstone, and so remembered by George W. Ringwalt. J. L. R.]

During a considerable portion of the life of this Adam Diller he owned and resided on a farm located between the Blue Ball and Churchtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. I learned this fact from my uncle, George W. Ringwalt, who added that my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Diller, drew her widow's dower from the purchaser of that farm for an unusually long period, about fifty years, according to the tombstone inscription. The presumption is also raised by the locality of this farm that the Dillers who now reside near Blue Ball and towards the vicinity of Churchtown, Lancaster County, were, like my great-grandfather Adam, descendants of the son of Caspar Diller, named Jean (Han) Martin. I mention this fact partly because one of the letters I received from Levi A. Diller, dated November 11, 1875, says: "Uncle Roland and my father can account for all the Dillers around this section, except a family living about Churchtown, this county. They never could learn where they descended from. They never claimed any relationship. Both my father and uncle Roland have tried to find from what stock they were descended, but to this day have not succeeded in doing so. There is a link dropped in our own county. The family is an old one, too."

In addition to the Ringwalt and Sheaffer descendants of Han or Jean Martin Diller, the Hanover branch is also descended from Han Martin, through their maternal ancestor Anna Margaretta, who married Peter, a descendant of Philip Adam. The Maryland Dillers, too, are descended from Han or Jean Martin, through their ancestor John, who was the brother of Adam, son of Han Martin. It is also exceedingly probable, if not absolutely certain, that the Lebanon Dillers are descendants of Han Martin, as will be seen by letters published elsewhere.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS—NEW IMMIGRANTS.

I extract from Mr. Levi A. Diller's letters the following statements of general family interest, viz., speaking of the New Holland recollections of the

Hanover branch, he says: "They are a family of very large stature. All their descendants, particularly the men, were of enormous strength. Some wonderful stories were told of their herculean deeds, such as loading a hogshead of sugar on a wagon, unassisted, in the days when it was fashionable to haul by wagon all the goods between Philadelphia and Pittsburg; holding a barrel of whiskey at arms' length and drinking out of the bunghole. My father says he remembers some of them well, and of striking stories told of their strength."

A considerable number of the Dillers and descendants of the Dillers of the present and preceding generations are, and were, unusually strong, large, and bulky. The height of from six feet to six feet two inches, and a weight of from two hundred to three hundred pounds, with proportionate strength, has been by no means uncommon among any of the branches of the family.

Mr. Levi A. Diller also says: "There are other Dillers in Germany, and they are still coming to this country slowly. I met one fresh from there three or four years ago, in Sterling, Illinois. Having heard my name, and it being the same as his, he called on me. He had only been in this country three or four months, and could speak no English. He was a young man and intelligent. He was very much disappointed on meeting me. He had expected to find one from Faderland, who could sympathize with him, and talk about Germany, and he had a very severe attack of home-sickness. He was a baker, and was travelling looking for work. He had an uncle in Chicago. He did not know there was any family besides his own by the name of Diller in the wide world, and when I told him that in the county I came from the woods were full of them and their name was legion, he was struck with astonishment. . . I found the name in the Chicago, Illinois, Directory, while there once, of Julius Diller. I called on him, found him to be a German, a printer on a German paper. He took no interest in the name. The interview was short. This man was the uncle of my friend the baker, and had been in this country some twelve or fifteen years."

I have been informed that the leader of Dodworth's band in New York, about 1867, was a Diller, who had recently immigrated from Germany. A few years ago there was a Diller living in Scranton, Pennsylvania, who was also a recent immigrant. There are several Dillers now living in Philadelphia, who immigrated to this country from Germany about thirty years ago.

DEVOTION TO AGRICULTURE—FIRST AMERICAN HOMES OF CASPAR DILLER.

During the last century, nearly all members of the Diller family were engaged in agriculture at various places within the townships of Earl, Leacock, and Salisbury, Lancaster County, where some of their descendants still reside. Many of them were skilful and industrious farmers, and deeply imbued with the earth thirst, as it has been called, which forms a leading feature of the character of the Pennsylvania Germans.

In Governor Pownal's topographical description of various portions of North America, published in London in 1776, he made the following interesting reference to the district immediately south of that in which the immigrating Dillers lived more than a century ago, and it is doubtless, to a great extent, also descriptive of their homes. Governor Pownal says: "There are amongst the hills into which this mountain (the Kittatinny) spreads itself, between the Susquehanna and Schuylkill Rivers, to a breadth of from fifteen to thirty miles, several valleys. A succession of such, divided from each other by little hilly branchings of the main hills, run from Wright's Ferry, on the Susquehanna, to the Swedes Ford, near Norristown, on the Schuylkill, some two miles broad, some more. The lands are of a limestone, good farming soil. Every farmer has a limekiln, burnt for the dressing of his land, and they raise a great deal of wheat. The sides of the hills are covered with woods, the timber is generally oak, chestnut, and hickory. The first valley which the road from Philadelphia to Lancaster passes through, runs from the Swedes Ford to the middle branch of Brandywine Creek, and is about two miles wide. Hence the road runs slanting over three ascents and three rivulets, about thirteen miles, and comes to a second valley, *which runs along the south side of the range, called Welsh Mountains, to Lancaster.* Hence, it continues in a bosom of gently swelling hills, to Wright's Ferry, on the Susquehanna. These successions of valleys appeared to me, as I rode along them, *the most charming of landscapes.* The bottoms of the vales were full of cultivated farms, *with houses, such as yeomanry, not tenants, live in. These were busked up with gardens, and with peach and apple orchards all around them, and with every convenience and enjoyment that property and plenty could give to peace and liberty.* My heart felt an overflowing of benevolence at the sight of so much, and such real happiness."

The local habitation of the Dillers who remained in Lancaster County a few years ago, in the adjoining townships of Earl, East Earl, Leacock, Upper Leacock, and Salisbury, confirms the supposition that they gradually removed over short distances, from a central point located a short distance south of New Holland.

In the Directory of Lancaster County, issued in 1869, the names of the following Dillers remaining in Earl Township are published :—

Diller, Adam, farmer, New Holland.
Diller, Amos, A. Diller & Co., New Holland.
Diller, Edwin, merchant, New Holland.
Diller, James, farmer, " "
Diller, J. Roland, farmer, " "
Diller, Mrs. Ann, widow of Luther, New Holland.
Diller, Nathaniel, farmer, New Holland.
Diller, Roland, Esq., surveyor, New Holland.
Diller, Solomon, farmer, New Holland.
Diller, Wm. G., merchant, New Holland.

The record of citizens of East Earl Township at that time, embraces the following names :—

Diller, Elias, farmer, Blue Ball.
Diller, George, farmer, Blue Ball.
Diller, Graybill, " " "
Diller, John, " " "
Diller, Lewis, farmer, New Holland.
Diller, Nathaniel, gentleman, Goodville.

The record of citizens of Leacock Township embraces the name of Daniel Diller, drover, of Intercourse.

The record of citizens of Salisbury Township embraces the following names :—

Diller, Elizabeth, widow, Salisbury.
Diller, George, proprietor Gap Hotel, Gap.
Diller, Isaac, farmer, South Hermitage.
Diller, H. M., physician, Pequea.

In the record of Upper Leacock, the name of John Diller, gentleman, of Leacock, was reported.

The following interesting statements in a letter from Mr. Levi A. Diller, of New Holland, dated November 21, 1877, appear to be conclusive in regard to the first residence of the immigrating Dillers. The homestead referred to is,

I suppose, the Kinzer homestead, located between New Holland and the Welsh Mountain :—

"Mr. B. Frank Kinzer informs me there is on the old homestead a pear tree that his great grandmother on his father's side (who was Barbara, wife of Caspar Diller), brought with her from Germany about 1729. This tree was a graft from the original pear tree in Germany, known as the Diller Pear. It bore an abundance of fruit until a few years ago, when it commenced to fail. It is now beginning to decay. She brought the tree or graft over in a trunk, one of those enormous trunks or chests, in which you could stow very comfortably two or more of the modern Saratoga trunks, and still leave room for others."

The locality of Loch Platz or Hole Place, however, is alleged by Mr. George W. Ringwalt to be the farm on Mill Creek, about one mile south of New Holland, on which Adam Diller lived and died about 1835. There is a small family graveyard on this farm in which the immigrating Caspar Diller and his son Han Martin are buried. Further particulars in regard to it will be found in the Appendix. It seems probable that Caspar Diller settled first on the Kinzer homestead, and subsequently removed to and died on the adjacent Adam Diller farm (Loch Platz).

Dr. Diller Luther informs me that, about fifty years ago, he and Roland Diller, of New Holland, counted up about two hundred and fifty Dillers, and descendants of Dillers, then living at various places between the Conestoga, at or near Hinkletown on the north, and Mill Creek on the south, and it was then believed that a very large portion of the land between these streams, at the points indicated, had belonged to various branches of the Diller family, and the families with which they were intermarried.

Love of agriculture was very deeply implanted in my father, Samuel Ringwalt, and nothing could exceed the delight he felt in good crops, and in the careful attention to all the details of farming operations which lead to success. He received a premium, of a silver cup, from the Chester County Agricultural Society, in 1859, for the best cultivated and productive farm submitted for competition, and this incident is typical of the earnest devotion to agricultural pursuits which has characterized many members of the family. Other illustrations of this spirit are furnished by the tradition communicated to me by my father, that the grafts from which the Diller Pear (famous in the pomological annals of the country) has sprung, was brought to this country from Germany by the wife of the original immigrant, and by the additional fact that my

uncle, George W. Ringwalt, now living in the vicinity of Churchtown, Cumberland County, near Allen P. O., has produced a new grape, highly appreciated by the proprietors of Cumberland County nurseries, which he has called the Lucky George; and by many incidents which are doubtless familiar to many of the Dillers, or their descendants of the present generation.

POLITICAL, MILITARY, PROFESSIONAL, AND BUSINESS RECORD.

While devotion to agriculture was a leading characteristic of the family, and nearly all its members during many years after the first immigration, and while many of them still cultivate the soil successfully, either in Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, or Cumberland counties, Pennsylvania, or in portions of Maryland and Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and other States, some of its branches were not slow to embark in other pursuits with the advancing diversification of American Industries.

I know too little of the history of the family to attempt to do justice to these movements, and shall only recapitulate the few leading facts that have fallen under my notice.

One of the first members of the family to exercise a considerable influence in politics, was Peter Diller, the father of the New Holland branch. He removed to Lancaster City about the beginning of the present century, and after remaining there a few years, returned to New Holland. His influence with his large circle of relatives, friends, and acquaintances was eagerly courted by the rising young Lancaster politicians, and my father told me that one of the aspirants materially aided by his friendship was James Buchanan, during his first struggles to be made a member from Lancaster County of the State Legislature of Pennsylvania. During Buchanan's term as State legislator, one of his colleagues was my grandfather, Jacob Ringwalt, the husband of Catharine Diller, and it will be seen in the record herewith appended, that one of the descendants of the Dillers, at a later period, married a niece of James Buchanan. It is worthy of note, too, that the wife of Philip Adam Diller, born Ellmaker, was a member of the Ellmaker family, which has won distinguished political renown, partly explained elsewhere.

During the second war with Great Britain, General Adam Diller, son of Leonard, took an active part as captain of a troop of cavalry, in connection

with the movement of Lancaster County militia to Maryland, for the protection of that State from invasion, and these services facilitated his election as sheriff of Lancaster County, in 1827, and gave the bent to his tastes and proclivities that led to his appointment as Adjutant General of the State of Pennsylvania by Governor David R Porter, in 1839, which office he held for six years.

General Adam Diller's successor as Sheriff of Lancaster County was his first cousin, Adam Bare, son of Anna Maria Diller, who married John Bare. Adam Bare was subsequently elected Commissioner of Lancaster County soon after his term of service as Sheriff had expired. His official career embraced service from 1827 to 1830 as Auditor, 1830 to 1833 as Sheriff, and 1834 to 1837 as Commissioner.

About, or shortly before, 1828, when the Anti-Masonic excitement, which subsequently exerted a very important influence upon the politics of Lancaster County and the State of Pennsylvania, was gaining strength, New Holland was a central point of agitation, and Roland Diller, Esq., of that town, was one of the most active participants in that movement. The following references to this subject are made in a brief sketch in the Biographical History of Lancaster County, published in 1872: "Upon the organization of the Anti-Masonic party, Mr. Diller was amongst the most prominent and active in that movement. He contributed actively towards the establishment of the first Anti-Masonic paper in the county, and in all the political movements of his party he has ever maintained a leading position. . . . He has frequently been mentioned for Congress, but he rather chose a life of retirement than one that brought with it great sacrifices and responsibilities."

Solomon Diller, his brother, was an attentive and respected member of the State Legislature during the years 1836, 1837, 1838, and 1839.

My father, Samuel Ringwalt, was elected to serve one term as Brigade Inspector of Lancaster County, ending about 1837. This office was considered important while the old militia system was rigidly enforced. Subsequently he was appointed Brigade Quarter-Master of the regiments of Pennsylvania Reserves under command of General George G. Meade, and in that capacity rendered service in the early stages of the late war, which won the highest encomiums from the victor of Gettysburg. Samuel Ringwalt also successively exercised considerable influence upon partisan movements in Lancaster and Chester counties, at various periods between 1828 and 1870.

Of other descendants of the family who have participated in politics, one of

the most prominent was Joseph B. Baker, who was Superintendent of the Columbia Railroad, before its sale to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Collector of the Port of Philadelphia during Buchanan's administration.

Dr. Esaias Kinzer, grandson of Margaretta Diller, represented Lancaster County in the State Senate of Pennsylvania, from 1852 to 1854 inclusive, and from 1857 to 1860.

Isaac R. Diller, now residing in Chicago, Illinois, took an active part in the politics of that State, and in Pennsylvania prior to his emigration to the West. He was Chairman of the Illinois Democratic State Central Committee in 1856, and Consul to Bremen during the Buchanan administration.

Dr. Diller Luther, of Reading, was a Collector of Internal Revenue during the Lincoln administration, and is now agent of the Pennsylvania State Board of Charities.

Joseph C. Ringwalt, after a successful career as an active and prominent merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio, is now (1877) Mayor of Clifton, Ohio.

Peter Diller, during his sojourn in Texas, was elected Mayor of Brenham, one of the flourishing towns of that State.

It will be seen by the accompanying records that some of the members of the gentler branch of Dillers have, by matrimonial alliances, connected themselves with several of the most distinguished families of this country, notably the Washingtons and Madisons. One also married a descendant of General Packett, of the Revolutionary Army; and another one of the Revolutionary soldiers who was present at the surrender of Cornwallis.

I believe, too, that the wife of Peter Diller, of New Holland, was a granddaughter of Colonel John Huber, a colonel of one of the battalions formed in Lancaster County in 1777, for service in the Revolution.

In George Lippard's Blanche of Brandywine, published about 1850, a stirring battle scene has, as a leading character, Major Diller, and the author, in a foot note, says: "The Major, Enos Diller (a relative of General Diller, formerly Adjutant-General of the State), was a brave soldier of the Revolution, and distinguished himself at the battle of Brandywine." When this statement was published, the author frequently saw General Adam Diller, and it was doubtless made on his authority. He called the attention of members of his family to it, and said, "There is something you should remember."

In the Mexican War, and in various important military operations of the regular army, Captain Roland A. Luther, a graduate of West Point, partici-

pated actively and honorably; and his associates in the regular army had a very high opinion of his acquirements as a scientific soldier. Isaac R. Diller also served as a quartermaster, with the rank of captain, in the Mexican War.

In the late war the Hanover branch of the Dillers were strongly represented by Cyrus Diller, Colonel of the 76th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers; William S. Diller, who served as Major; Luther Yundt Diller, who served as Captain and was wounded in the battle of Cold Harbor; and Simon J. Diller who served as Lieutenant.

Two of the sons of Mrs. Peter Filbert (born Diller), Henry M. and Roland D., entered the Union army and gave up their lives in the service of their country. Henry M. was captain of a company of which Roland D. was a member, and they were killed in one of the battles on the Peninsula.

Wm. R., son of General Adam Diller, served creditably for three years in two cavalry regiments from Philadelphia, first as a volunteer, afterwards as a commissioned officer.

Levi A. Diller, of New Holland, served faithfully with one of the Lancaster regiments.

William Walker Campbell, of Topeka, Kansas, husband of the daughter of Catharine Maxwell, born Ringwalt, served with distinguished gallantry throughout the war as an officer of one of the Western artillery regiments. I think it was from Illinois, and that he entered the service as a captain and rose to be a colonel.

I have understood that one or more of the sons of Lydia Amos, born Ringwalt, served in Ohio regiments during the late war, but have never been able to learn particulars.

Samuel Ringwalt was at the outset of the contest quartermaster of the brigade commanded by General George G. Meade, and two of his brothers, Louis and Levi B., were Union soldiers. One of them, Louis Ringwalt, gave up his life in a gallant discharge of his duty near Winchester, Virginia. There were doubtless many other participants in the late struggle, of whose services I have received no information.

Some served voluntarily or involuntarily on the Southern side. Peter Diller was pressed into home-guard service in Texas; and Adam Bare, another descendant of the Dillers, who was a skilful mechanic and engineer, was obliged to superintend a large manufactory in Alabama, in which shovels and tools were made for the use of the Confederate Army.

One of the descendants of the Diller family, Samuel Houston Baker, is a Commander in the United States Navy. He was commissioned as Lieutenant March 12, 1868, and commissioned Lieutenant Commander December 18, 1868.

The list of clergymen who are descended from the Dillers, embraces the names of Rev. John Baker Clemson, an Episcopal clergyman of Claymont, Delaware; Rev. Jacob W. Diller, rector of St. Luke's Church, Brooklyn; Rev. Alonzo P. Diller, rector of St. John's Church, Marietta, Pennsylvania; Rev. Walter North; and Rev. Simon Diller, of the United Brethren denomination, of Churchtown, Cumberland County.

Samuel Diller, who recently died near Dillsburg, built a church on his farm, in which he frequently conducted religious services, and he made the building free to clergymen of all denominations.

Samuel Diller, of Hanover, took a prominent part in the construction of the Hanover Branch Railroad, commenced in 1851.

The list of editors, authors, and writers embraces Miss Kate Barton (now Mrs. Neilson), Isaac R. Diller, G. B. Porter Ringwalt, William W. Davis (of Sterling, Illinois), Adam Henry Diller (now deceased), Mrs. Lydia A. D. Zell, daughter of the late William Diller, of Lancaster, and John Luther Ringwalt.

In the medical profession, Dr. John Luther, husband of Elizabeth Diller, and her son, Dr. John W. Luther, labored long and successfully. The list of other physicians of the family embraces Dr. Martin Luther, of Reading, Pennsylvania; Dr. David Diller, now practising at York Sulphur Springs; Dr. Joseph Morritz Diller, of Ohio; Dr. Samuel Ringwalt (my brother, now dead), who formerly practised at New Holland; Dr. H. M. Diller, of Pequea; Dr. John Diller, of Westminster, Maryland (deceased); Dr. Charles H. Diller, of Double Pipe Creek, Carroll County, Maryland; Dr. Washington H. Baker, of Philadelphia; Dr. John R. Diller, of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania; Dr. Winfield Scott Yundt, of New Holland; Dr. Esaias Kinzer (deceased), who practised medicine in Lancaster County for a number of years previous to his election as State Senator; Dr. Willoughby Walling, of Louisville, Kentucky, who was, at one time, a member of the Faculty of the Medical University of that city.

One of the most eloquent and able lawyers and distinguished judges of the State, Hon. George W. Barton, was the husband of Miss Elizabeth Clemson, now Mrs. Barton, a descendant of Philip Adam Diller. Her daughter, Kate, married Thomas Neilson, a lawyer already eminent at the Philadelphia bar,

whose talents promise to advance him to the front rank among the orators of the day. George Washington Baker was at one time judge of one of the courts of San Francisco. Stewart Leidich, Esq., of Carlisle, a member of the Cumberland County Bar, is a descendant of the Diller family, through the second Caspar. A descendant of Philip Adam Diller, viz., Horace Roland, is a member of the Berks County Bar. So, also, is Horace Yundt, and his brother Harry is a member of the Lancaster County Bar.

Thomas G. Clemson, a descendant of Margaretta, daughter of Philip Adam Diller, devoted his early life to scientific pursuits. He was the first American who graduated at the school of mines in Paris. For many years he represented the United States at Belgium.

In general business, the iron industries of the State have engrossed the labors, for many years, of descendants of the Baker branch of the Diller family, and at one time Roland Diller, Esq., of New Holland, was interested in the same pursuit. Dr. Diller Luther and his brother, Peter D. Luther, were extensively engaged for some years in coal mining in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

So many descendants of the family have been extensively and successfully engaged in mercantile and mechanical pursuits of nearly all kinds, that if the list could be rendered complete it would expand over a large proportion of the honest and gainful occupations of the age.

In the migrations of the family at least two of those who went to California were successful in business there. One was J. Vogan Diller (now deceased), son of William Diller, of the vicinity of New Holland; and the other was a member of the Hanover branch, whose death is recorded in the following obituary notice, published in the Hanover *Spectator* of June 13th, 1877: "On Friday morning last the sad intelligence was received here of the death of our esteemed former townsman, Isaiah P. Diller, Esq., at his residence at Dividing Creek, near Rehobeth, Northumberland County, Virginia, on Wednesday morning, from an attack of paralysis, superinduced by a heavy sprain received a few days previous while assisting a neighbor in lifting some weighty articles of merchandise. Mr. Diller was the second son of the late Samuel Diller, Esq., of our town, and was a most genial and estimable gentleman, enjoying the high esteem and confidence of all who knew him. About twenty-two years ago Mr. Diller left here for California and British America, where he amassed quite a handsome fortune in gold mining. In 1864 he returned here,

and marrying, remained a number of years, until a few years since having purchased a magnificent estate in Northumberland County, Virginia, facing that noble sheet of water, Chesapeake Bay, removed thither with his family, where he dispensed his hospitality with that lavish liberality and gentlemanly courtesy for which all of his family are proverbial. He was in the very prime and vigor of life, being aged about fifty years, and his sudden cutting off has caused a general feeling of sadness among his many friends. Green be his memory!"

While none of the Diller family, of whom I have any knowledge, have acquired very great fortunes, a number of them have accumulated considerable wealth; few have suffered the direst evils of poverty, and I never heard of any who were arraigned for disgraceful crimes. In their day and generation, and their varied positions, they have borne an honorable and useful part in the great battle of life, and the main body of the present generation, of whom I have any personal knowledge, are creditable representatives of the American advancement of this era.

The women of the family, especially those of the older branches, of whom I know most, and some of their descendants, deserve infinitely more credit than it is in my power to give, for the faithful, industrious, praiseworthy, and irreproachable manner in which they have discharged all true womanly duties. As wives they were models of rectitude and propriety, and true helpmates. As widows, charged with the responsibility of leading young families through the perils of childhood, they displayed a heroism that could not be too highly praised. As daughters and sisters they were self-sacrificing, and serviceable to all who had claims upon their aid, or within the circle of their influence, to an extent that commands my heartfelt admiration. These remarks are particularly true of my two grandmothers, born Dillers; of the widowed sisters of my grandmother Luther; of my mother; of some of my cousins, notably of Mrs. Catharine Maxwell, of Topeka, Kansas; and of my sister, Louisa C. Ringwalt: and if similar traits have been displayed by all the female members of the family it has better reason to be proud of its women than its men, however highly they may justly be esteemed. [One of the lady members of the family insists that I shall make this addition here: "It can be truthfully said of *them* (the men) that they are proverbially kind and attentive in their homes, excellent providers for their families, and zealous advocates of the education of their children."]

CASPAR DILLER'S DESCENDANTS.

Dr. David Diller also furnished me a genealogical chart, and from it and other sources, I compile the following:—

FIRST GENERATION.

Caspar Diller, Senior, born in Alsace, about 1670 or 1675. Died at Loch Platz, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, about 1770 or 1775, aged 100 years, nearly.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Philip Adam Diller.
2. Jean (Han) Martin Diller.
3. Caspar Diller, Jr.;

and seven daughters, whose husband's names were Keiner, Croft, Sweiger, Breckbill, Inboda, Ensminger, and Sensabach.

THIRD GENERATION.

1. Philip Adam Diller had a son named Adam, besides other sons and daughters. [A full list of these descendants is given hereafter under the head of Philip Adam Diller.]

2. Jean (Han) Martin Diller had a son Adam, a son John, and perhaps other sons and daughters.

3. Caspar Diller, Jr., had seven sons and five daughters, named Caspar, Martin, John, David, Benjamin, George, Solomon, Elizabeth, Catharine, Magdalene, Juliana, Christiana; one of the daughters was Mrs. Frederick Myers, and another Mrs. George Diehl.

FOURTH GENERATION.

1. Adam Diller, son of Philip Adam, had three sons, Peter, Adam, John, and a daughter, Catharine, who became Mrs. Grove.

2. Adam Diller, son of Jean (Han) Martin, was twice married, first to a Fessler, and second to Elizabeth Brown.

It is from this branch of the Caspar Diller family that I (J. L. Ringwalt) am descended on my father's side, and I personally know of three of the daughters of this Adam Diller, as well as his second wife, born Elizabeth Brown, who died while I was a child residing in New Holland. These daughters were: 1. Catharine, who married Jacob Ringwalt, and became the mother of fourteen sons and four daughters (one of the sons being my father, Samuel Ringwalt); 2. Susanna, who became the wife of Adam Sheaffer, and had one daughter, who became Mrs. Mary Jacobs; 3. Elizabeth, who never married. There was, besides, another daughter by the first marriage, Anna Margaret, or Margaretta (Peggy), who married the Peter Diller, her second cousin, from whom the Hanover Dillers are descended.

John Diller, brother of the above-mentioned Adam, lived in the vicinity of Churchtown, Lancaster County, and George W. Ringwalt says that he and his wife and some of his daughters are buried in the Lutheran graveyard at New Holland, near or by the side of the grave of his brother Adam Diller. George W. Ringwalt also recollects that one of his daughters, named Magdalene, married Simon Mentzer, and that he had two other daughters, one of whom was named Elizabeth, who married Joseph Weaver, and another named Mary, who died unmarried. It also appears, from letters received by Dr. David Diller, in August, 1877, from members of the Maryland family of Dillers, that they are all descended from the above-mentioned John Diller, and that the list of his descendants included several sons as well as daughters. John Diller, of Mount Pleasant, Maryland, in a letter, dated August 23, 1877, says: I am related to Mrs. Simon Mentzer, of Maryland, she being my father's sister. My father's name was Martin. John Diller, son of Han Martin, had three sons, as well as I can recollect, though he may have had one or more that died young. The three I have reference to were Adam, Martin, and John, and he had four daughters, viz., Magdalene Mentzer, Hetty Sneder, Polly (or Mary) Diller, and Betsy (or Elizabeth) Diller. Martin Diller (the youngest) was my father. Therefore my genealogy is as follows: John Diller, son of Martin Diller, who was a son of John Diller, who was a son of Han Martin Diller, who was a son of Caspar Diller, the first Diller in America. My father, Martin Diller, had four sons, viz., Levi, Jacob, John, and William H. Diller (who is now dead), and two daughters, who are now living, viz., Mary Spurrier and Louisa Wright.

Levi Diller's address is Green Centre, Noble County, Indiana. Jacob Diller's address is Mount Pleasant, Frederick County, Maryland. Mary Spurrier's address is Johnsville, Frederick County, Maryland, and Louisa Wright resides near Eureka, Kansas. Martin Diller removed from Musselman's farm, adjoining William Bachman's farm, near New Holland, Lancaster County, to Johnsville, Frederick County, Maryland, in 1828. Adam Diller, Martin's brother, and a son of John Diller, died a few months before I was born. He had a son John, who was educated to be a physician by his grandparents on his mother's side, and who died at about the age of 67 or 68. A few years ago his widow lived in Westminster, Maryland. I have six sons and one daughter living. Dr. Charles H. Diller is my oldest son. He is married, and lives at Double Pipe Creek, Carroll County, Maryland. My other children are unmarried. Dr. Charles H. Diller also states that he was born in October, 1851, that he graduated at Maryland University, Baltimore, in March, 1872, and has been practising medicine for nearly six years.

The following letter, written on November 15, 1877, by Mr. John Diller, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, suggests the query whether the John Diller of the vicinity of Churchtown, from whom he is descended, is not the John Diller who was the progenitor of the Maryland branch described above, and the brother of Adam, progenitor of the Ringwalt family. It will be noticed that the coincidence of names of the children of the John Diller or John Dillers, from whom the Maryland and Lebanon families are respectively descended, is so striking that it strongly indicates a common origin. John Diller, of Maryland, says his grandfather John had three sons (and may have had more) named Adam, Martin, and John, and four daughters, named Magdalene, Hetty, Mary, and Elizabeth, while John Diller, of Lebanon, says his grandfather had eight children, named Michael, John, Adam, Martin, Elizabeth, Mary, and two others. The letter of John Diller, of Lebanon, is as follows:—

John Diller, from whom we are descended, lived a number of years ago on the Conestoga, one mile from Churchtown, Lancaster County, adjoining the Pool Forge. He had eight children: Michael, John, Adam, Martin, Elizabeth, Mary, and two others. Michael married and removed to Dauphin County. John married Stuch's daughter, and lived in Duchmanstown. Adam married Margaret Mark, of Lebanon, and had four children: Justina, John (myself), David, and Mary. Justina married J. Roedel, of Lebanon, and had eight children. I married Elizabeth Seltzer, of Jonestown, and had eight children.

David married Ann Matthias, of Westminster, and had four. After the death of Justina, Mary married J. Roedel, and had one child. I was but five years old when my father (Adam) died, which accounts for my knowing so little of his family record.

3. Martin Diller, son of Caspar Diller, Jr., married first Miss Immel, of Chambersburg, and their only child was named Eliza. After the death of this first wife he married Miss Young, who became the mother of three sons and six daughters, the sons being named Martin, Peter (who is presumably the Peter Diller whose statement is published elsewhere), and Joseph, and the daughters Mary, Anna, Catharine, Rebecca, Leah, and Juliana.

4. Samuel Diller, who died some time ago near Dillsburg, was also of the fourth generation, through one of the descendants of Caspar Diller, Jr.; and Dr. Joseph Morritz Diller, of Ashland, Ohio, was a son of Benjamin, another son of Caspar Diller, Jr.

Of this Samuel Diller the creditable fact is related that he built a church on his farm near Dillsburg, free to ministers of all denominations, in which he frequently exhorted.

FIFTH GENERATION.

1. Peter Diller (son of Adam Diller) who married Anna Margaretta Diller, his second cousin, and became the progenitor of the Hanover branch of the Diller family, had four sons and five daughters, viz., Adam (no issue), Peter (no issue), Daniel, Samuel, Anna (married to Alleweit), A. Margaretta (married to Grebe), Salome (single), Catharine (married to Johns), and Elizabeth, married to Marshall.

The *Hanover Spectator* of July 4, 1851, has the following notice of the death of the Mr. Daniel Diller, named above:—

Died, on Wednesday morning last, July 2, 1851, in the vicinity of Hanover, after several months' severe affliction, Mr. Daniel Diller, aged 56 years, 1 month, and 9 days. Thus has passed away from our midst one of our most estimable citizens. Few men have been able to maintain a more consistent and upright course for strict integrity in every department of life. His last moments were eminently peaceful, and in the full possession of his faculties, and in the enjoyment of the clearest assurance of his readiness for a change. He leaves a wife

and several children, with many relatives and friends, to mourn their irreparable loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Mr. Daniel Diller's widow, Anna, died June 1, 1854, aged 52 years, 3 months, and 10 days.

Of the Samuel Diller, son of Peter, of Hanover, named above, the following incident in connection with the commencement of work on the Hanover Railroad, on March 20, 1851, is published in the *Local History* of Hanover, by Joseph S. Gitt: "First appeared the president of the board, Mr. J. Forney, on whose shoulder a shovel was gracefully resting. Then came Mr. Samuel Diller, a director, bearing the brother implement, the pick. His portly figure gave ample assurance of the vigor he subsequently displayed. . . . . To Mr. Diller belonged the glory of wielding the first pick—to him is due the renown of beginning the actual construction of the Hanover Branch Railroad. . . . The company returned to town, and were addressed by Mr. Gonder, the contractor, and by Mr. Diller."

2. Adam Diller (son of Adam Diller) had three sons, Adam (no issue), Peter (has issue), and Enos (bachelor); and four daughters, Naomi (married to Herr), Julia (married to Dietrich), who died a few years ago, Abigail (single), and Diana, who married Hoover, both now deceased, leaving two sons.

3. John Diller (son of Adam Diller) had two sons, John (who has issue), and Nathaniel (who has issue); and daughters (whose names are not given).

4. Catharine (daughter of Adam Diller), who became Mrs. Grove, had a daughter named Mary, who married Mr. George Basehoar.

5. Joseph Diller, of Cumberland County, son of Martin, who was the son of Caspar Diller, Jr., had three sons: Edwin (married), Oliver (single), Augustus (dead), and fourteen daughters, whose names have not been furnished to me. One of Joseph's sisters (Anna) was the wife of Daniel Diller, of Hanover, and mother of Dr. David Diller, of York Sulphur Springs. It is probable that other brothers and sisters of Joseph Diller have descendants, whose names have not been furnished to me.

6. Of the descendants of the children of Adam Diller (in the fifth generation from Caspar) there are first, the children of Anna Margaretta, who became the wife of Peter Diller, and who are enumerated above; second, Mrs. Sheaffer, who, according to my recollection, had but one child, a daughter, who became Mrs. Mary Jacobs; and third, Catharine, who became Mrs. Ringwalt, and who had fourteen sons and four daughters, viz., Elizabeth (dead), Isaac (dead), Catha-

rine (dead), Samuel (born in New Holland, July 14, 1799, died at Downingtown, May 13, 1875), Cyrus, died December, 1862, Lydia, dead, Jacob, Diller, died December 23, 1871, aged 65, William, died May 16, 1871, in his 64th year, and Charles (twins), Joseph Clarkson, George W., Margaret A., Levi B., Amos, Henry L. (died December 17, 1876, aged 62 years), David, and Louis (who was a member of Sheridan's celebrated cavalry force, and after engaging in forty-two skirmishes and engagements, was killed near Winchester, consistently ending a brilliant and courageous career in bravely defending an ambulance of wounded men).

[All the surviving members of the Ringwalt family named above reside in Cumberland County, except Amos, who lives in Lancaster City, and Joseph C., who resides in and is mayor of Clifton, near Cincinnati, Ohio. George and Charles live near Churchtown, their post-office address being Allen P. O., and Margaret, Levi, Jacob, and David live in Carlisle. Their father, Jacob Ringwalt, husband of Catharine Diller, was the son of Jacob Ringwalt who emigrated to Lancaster County, from Wurtemberg, where the family is still numerous, landing at Philadelphia, September 28, 1753. The immigrating Jacob Ringwalt married Barbara Wagner, and had three sons named Jacob, Martin, and George. George died when nineteen years of age, about 1777, and was buried in the graveyard attached to Seldomridge's church. Martin lived on a farm near Churchtown, Lancaster County. He married Miss Diffenderfer, and had children named Ann (who married Mr. Bender, and now lives at an advanced age in New Holland), Jacob (who married and had issue, but is now dead), George (died without issue), William (who married and had issue, but is now dead), John (died without issue), Margaret (dead), Reuben (no issue), Martin (no issue), Levi (married), David (married), Elizabeth, who married William Smith of New Holland and is now dead, Catharine, who married Mr. Rutter and is now dead, Mary (died without issue). All the deceased members of the family are buried in the graveyard attached to the German Reformed Church in New Holland. After living in the vicinity of New Holland until 1825, on a large farm in the eastern end of that town, and being elected colonel of a militia regiment, and member of the State Legislature, Jacob Ringwalt the second went to Cumberland County in 1825, to take charge of sixteen farms of several hundred acres each, belonging to the immense estate of Judge Duncan; and one of these farms, on which his family lived, was the farm subsequently owned by Judge Watts, Commissioner of Agriculture, long noted for

having the largest barn in the United States. He died December 24, 1828, in his sixty-third year. His wife survived him nearly thirty years, dying March 27, 1858, after discharging with great industry and skill all the duties that had been imposed upon her during a useful and eventful life. At the time of her death she was in her 83d year, and sixteen of her children were then living. Her grandchildren then numbered eighty-four, so that she had one hundred and two descendants during her own life, without counting her great-grandchildren.

Of Samuel Ringwalt, who is buried in Northwood Cemetery, near Downingtown, a number of obituary notices were published in the journals of Philadelphia, Chester, and Lancaster counties. I extract the following from the notice in Forney's *Press:* "Deceased in early life took a prominent part in the affairs of Lancaster, his native county, where he filled many positions of trust and responsibility; and also served as deputy sheriff and brigade inspector. His duties in this connection brought him prominently before the public, who highly esteemed him for the genial courtesy of his manner, and the staunch integrity of his character. In 1840 Colonel Ringwalt removed to Chester County, where he has since continuously resided, save when his duties as brigade quartermaster under the gallant Meade called him to the field in defence of his country. With Hon. John Hickman, lately deceased, and other distinguished men of Chester County, Colonel Ringwalt took a prominent part in protesting against the outrage attempted to be perpetrated by the passage of the Lecompton bill. He was a patriot in the fullest sense of the term, a valued and respected citizen, and a successful, practical farmer. In all the relations of life—as friend, parent, and counsellor—Colonel Ringwalt gave evidence of the truest manhood, and justly deserved the high reputation he had so well earned." Col. John W. Forney, then in Europe, writing home to *The Press*, after receiving intelligence of the death of my father, referred to "his deep interest in scientific agriculture, his devotion to his State and country, and especially his experience in the war, when in his sixtieth year he entered the Union army, and served honorably in a most responsible position. He was the type of the best condition of a Pennsylvania farmer. Down to the day of his death his fondness for books and society, his earnest devotion to the development of his town and country, and his advanced views in everything relating to the improvement and cultivation of the soil, were actively maintained."

The *Chester County Jeffersonian*, in a very kind and extended notice, said:

"Of strong and massive physique and noble bearing, his mental qualities seemed to partake of the powerful organization of his bodily powers. Decided in the maintenance of, and mode of manifesting, his opposition to whatever encountered his disapprobation, both in respect to public and private affairs, Col. Ringwalt preserved a heart susceptible of the kindest impulses, and the warmest attachments. Few men exhibited greater detestation of pretence and deceit. As a citizen, he was a useful man, possessing a well-balanced mind, and the capacity to express his views in a terse and forcible manner, both in conversation and with his pen. As a politician he was an earnest and active supporter of the Democratic party until during the political contest of 1858, at which time a division occurred in both the political parties, Colonel Ringwalt vigorously supported the late Hon. John Hickman. As a friend, he was always faithful and true—as an opponent he was equally positive in showing hostility to individuals, and to those acts which failed to meet with his approval."]

The descendants of the John Diller, of Churchtown, who was the brother of Adam Diller, and the grandson of the first Caspar, in this and later generations, are mentioned in the letters already printed from members of the Maryland and Lebanon families of Dillers, but they will be recapitulated, as far as known, on the theory that they are all descendants of the John Diller who was one of the sons of Han Martin. Of the Maryland branch there is, in the fifth generation, Louisa Wright, of Eureka, Kansas; Mary Spurrier, of Johnsville, Maryland; William H. Diller (dead); John Diller and Jacob Diller, of Mt. Pleasant, Maryland; and Levi Diller, of Green Centre, Noble County, Indiana. Of the Lebanon branch there is, in the fifth generation, the children of Adam, to wit, Justina, John (now living in Lebanon), David, and Mary.

7. Of the descendants in the fourth generation through Caspar Diller, Jr., named above, the following information is given: Martin had one daughter; Peter is a bachelor; Joseph had a number of children, one of whom is named Edwin; Eliza married Mr. Bollinger, from Missouri, and has several sons; Mary married Mr. Leidich, and has two sons, named Adam M. and Diller J.; Anna married Daniel Diller, from Hanover; Rebecca married Mr. Black, and has a daughter named Salome; Juliana married Mr. Elbert.

8. Samuel Diller, one of the descendants in the fourth generation through Caspar Diller, Jr., left three sons named—Simon, who is a United Brethren minister at Churchtown, Samuel who resides at the old home near Dillsburg, and Cyrus, who removed to Michigan.

SIXTH GENERATION.

1. Of the descendants of Peter and Anna Margaretta Diller, in the sixth generation from the original Caspar Diller, the following information is given: Daniel (of the fifth generation) who married Anna (a descendant of Caspar Diller, Jr.), had sons named—Adam (no issue), Isaac (no issue), Peter Martin (no issue), Emanuel, David, Lewis, and three daughters—Clarissa (unmarried), Matilda (unmarried), and Eliza (unmarried); Samuel had six sons, named—Cyrus, Isaiah, Adam, Simon, William, Luther, and two daughters, Belinda and Elizabeth.

The occupation and residence of the living male members of the Hanover branch of the Diller family is as follows: Cyrus Diller was a colonel in the 76th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and is a railroad contractor. Emanuel Diller is engaged with Cyrus in the same business; their address is Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania. William S. Diller served as a major in the late war, and is now in the Custom House, New York. Luther Yundt Diller served as captain, was wounded in the Battle of Cold Harbor, and is now in the coal and lumber business at East Berlin, Adams County, Pennsylvania. Lewis Diller is engaged in the milling business near the same place; Simon J. Diller served as lieutenant, and is the proprietor of the Diller House, Hanover; Adam S. Diller is a farmer near Hanover; and Dr. David Diller is a physician at York Sulphur Springs, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

2. Mrs. Jacobs, daughter of Mrs. Shaeffer, had one son named Adam, and one daughter Susannah, who married Jacob Ranck, and resides on a farm near Beartown, Lancaster County. Mr. Ranck is a descendant of the Philip Adam branch of the Diller family, through Philip Adam's son Adam.

3. The descendants of the original Caspar Diller, in the sixth generation, through the children of Mrs. Catharine Ringwalt, are as follows: 1. Elizabeth, first married Samuel Diller (of the Philip Adam branch of the Diller family), and had by him three children, Catharine Amelia (who died in infancy), Peter, who died without issue, and Charles Augustus Diller, who now resides at or near Sterling, Illinois; by a second marriage with Aaron Vogdes (a widower, whose first wife was the niece of General Anthony Wayne), she had one son, named Jacob, and three daughters, named Anna Elizabeth, Sarah Worthington, and Catharine Ringwalt. 2. Isaac Ringwalt married Mary Wilson, and had seven

children, viz., Elmina, Catharine, Elizabeth, and four sons who died in infancy. 3. Catharine Ringwalt was twice married; first, to Dr. Ferdinand Strine, by whom she had two children, Mary Catharine and Ferdinand; and second, to John Vaughn, by whom she had one daughter, named Isabella. 4. Samuel Ringwalt was married three times; first, on March 9, 1824, to Sarah McCausland, daughter of Major William McCausland, of Leacock Township, Lancaster County; she had one child that died in infancy; second, to Louisa Luther, by whom he had four children named John Luther (born October 18, 1828), George Bryan Porter, Louisa Catharine, and Samuel; third, to Anna Parke, by whom he had children named Thomas Parke (died in infancy), Anna Mary, Ella Virginia (died in infancy), Jacob Parke, Jane Edge, and Abiah Parke. 5. Cyrus Ringwalt, who married Ann Sheaffer, had ten children, named Catharine, Elizabeth, George W., Mary Jacobs (who now resides at Pittsburgh), Margaret Ann (married William Noaker, and died without issue), John Jacob, Lydia Sarah, Emma Jane (married Henry H. Geyer, of Mechanicsburg), Cyrus, Jr., Louis, and Clara (married Herbert Brigton, and died without issue . 6. Lydia Ringwalt, who married Abel B. Amos, emigrated to Ohio, and had eight children, Ann Caroline, Frederick, Catharine M., Lydia, Cornelia Elizabeth, Sarah Amelia, Jacob Diller, and Eliza Jane. 7. Diller Ringwalt married Mrs. Delancy, and had three children, named Catharine, Lydia Ann, and Jane. 8. William Ringwalt married Mrs. Hoffman (emigrated to Indiana), and had seven children, named Eli, Catharine, Elizabeth, Charles, Mary, Margaret, and William. 9. Joseph Clarkson Ringwalt was twice married; first, to Cornelia M. Mizner, by whom he had four children, named Lansing M., Henry L., Mary C., Anthony Rutgers; and second, to Elizabeth A. Price, by whom he had four children, Elizabeth Price, Joseph C. (died in infancy), Charles Glenn, and Joseph Clarkson, Jr. 10. George W. Ringwalt married Eliza Lehman, and had two daughters, named Emma and Phœbe. 11. Levi B. Ringwalt married Sarah Dewey, and had four children named David, Jacob, Joseph, and Mary. 12. Henry L. Ringwalt married Mary G. Rumney (a great-granddaughter of Hugh Gaine, famous in the annals of New York as a prominent printer in that city during the Revolutionary era. His wife was Cornelia, daughter of Rip van Dam, second governor of New York), and had nine children, named Robert Rumney, Jacob Joseph (died in infancy), Kate Kemp (died in infancy), Henry Louis, Gertrude R., Theodore Lyman, John Rumney, Bessie Gaine, and Mary Rumney

(deceased). The other children of Jacob and Catharine Ringwalt, born Diller, are, I believe, either unmarried or without issue. Amos married Maria Hambright, who died recently, and who was a member of the Hambright family distinguished in the military and political annals of Lancaster County. A large portion of his life was spent at Wilmington, Delaware, where he acquired a competence by displaying great industry and skill in the management of a saddle and harness manufactory. Charles Ringwalt has also been married for some years.

4. The Maryland Dillers descended from Han Martin, in the sixth generation, embrace Dr. Charles H. Diller, of Double Pipe Creek, Carroll County, Maryland, and his five brothers and one sister. The Lebanon Dillers in this generation embrace the descendants of Justina, who married J. Roedel, of Lebanon, and had eight children; the descendants of John, who married Elizabeth Seltzer of Jonestown, and had eight children; the descendants of David, who married Ann Matthias, of Westminster, and had four children; and the descendant of Mary, who married J. Roedel after the death of Justina, and had one child.

5. Stewart Leidich, Esq., a member of the Cumberland County bar, is a son of Adam M., who was one of the sons of Mary Diller, descendant of Caspar, Jr., who married Mr. Leidich.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

1. Of the seventh generation, Dr. David Diller has children named Orpheus Ulysses Grant, Ira Darius Alonzo, Reuel Marcus Daniel, Lucius Quintus Curtius, and Hypatia Blanche Anna Eliza. 2. His brother Lewis had children named Mary Martha, Anna Naomi, and Cora Catharine (dead). 3. Of the sons of Samuel Diller, of the Hanover branch, Cyrus has one daughter living, named Mabel; Isaiah has a son named William; Adam had children named Isaiah, Alta, and Henry (dead); Simon had three daughters; William has one daughter.

2. The descendants of Mrs. Susanna Sheaffer, born Diller, in the seventh generation, are the children of Susanna S. and Jacob Ranck, viz., Diller J., Sheaffer N., Roland J., and Edward M. Ranck. The farm on which they reside has been in the possession of the family for several generations.

3. Of the descendants of Mrs. Catharine Ringwalt, born Diller, in the seventh generation, I have been informed of the following: 1. Charles Diller, of Sterling,

Illinois, son of Elizabeth, married Ann Eliza Thompson, and has five children, named Laura, Thomas, Samuel, Roland, and William. Anna Elizabeth Vogdes married George J. Duff, now deceased. She resides in Pittsburgh, and has three surviving children, Willamenia E., Kate, and Sophia. Sarah Worthington Vogdes married Thomas Dunleavy, and now lives in Carlisle, Pa. Her children are named Louis, Margaret, William, Kate, David, and Anna Vogdes. Catharine Ringwalt Vogdes married Ten Eyck Biles, of Princeton, Bergen County, Ill., and has children named Edward de Luce and Bessie Vogdes. 2. Of Isaac Ringwalt's children, Elmina married Thomas Thompson, of Carlisle, Pa., and her children are named Mary, Calvin, William, David, and Amelia. Catharine married John Maxwell; she now resides at Topeka, Kansas, and her children are named Annie E., Mary, Susan Wyeth, Charlotte, William Davis, and John Warren. 3. Of Samuel Ringwalt's children, John Luther Ringwalt, living at 1218 North Tenth Street, Philadelphia, married, June 15, 1863, Jessie Elder, daughter of Dr. William Elder, a distinguished writer, lecturer, speaker and political economist, and has five children living, named Roland, William Elder, Katharine, Louise Luther, and Freda. Samuel Ringwalt, Jr. (now dead), married Miss Rebecca Evans Wills, of Downingtown, and had a son named John Luther, now living at Downingtown, Pa. 4. Of the children of Catharine Ringwalt, Mary Catharine Strine married William Gould, and removed to Ohio, and her children are named Harry, James, and William. 5. Of the descendants of Cyrus Ringwalt, George W. married Miss Lee, and has two children, named Laura and Kate, and probably others. Catharine Elizabeth married Mr. Leidig, of Philadelphia, and her children are named Anna S., Cyrus David, and Horace Ringwalt. 6. Of the descendants of Lydia Ringwalt, wife of Abel B. Amos, who resides in Ohio, Ann Caroline married Thomas H. Griffith, and their children are named Amos Bradford, Frederick Thomas, and William Ash. George R. Amos married Mary Dillon, and his children are named Frederick Ringwalt, Lydia, and James Handley. Catharine Amos married Henry Welsh, and has a son named William Bradford Welsh. Sarah Emily married Frederick Hartstine, and her children are named Willie Amos and Harry Marston. 7. Of the children of Joseph C. Ringwalt, Lansing M. married Mary Jeffries Brown, of Philadelphia, and has a daughter named Mary Cornelia. Anthony Rutgers married Rosa B. Riely, of Winchester, Virginia, and has children named Robert Joseph and Grace Mizner. 8. Of the children of George W. Ringwalt, Emma

married Joseph Luther Herman, and had children named Charlie Clayton and John Luther (dead). Phœbe married Harry Musser Rupley, and had children named Arthur Ringwalt and Lucy Ellen. 9. Of the children of Henry L. Ringwalt, Robert Rumney, who now lives at Detroit, Michigan, married Catharine Dermont, and has a daughter named Gertrude Rutgers. Gertrude R. Ringwalt married Noel O'Brien, of Detroit.

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EIGHTH GENERATION.

1. Of the daughters of Catharine Maxwell (daughter of Isaac Ringwalt), Annie E. married William Walker Campbell, of Topeka, Kansas, and has a daughter named Mary Catharine. Susan Wyeth married George H. McCollister, of Topeka, Kansas, and has a daughter named Maud. 2. Anna, daughter of Catharine Elizabeth, the daughter of Cyrus Ringwalt, married Charles F. Weber, of Philadelphia, and has a daughter named Florence Gertrude. 3. Willamenia E. Duff married Henry Balkan, one of the proprietors of the Kensington Iron Works, of Pittsburg, and has a son named Edward Duff Balkan.

DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP ADAM DILLER.

During the progress of the labors connected with the preparation of this sketch, I have become convinced that the Philip Adam Diller who was the grandfather of Roland and Solomon Diller, of New Holland, was that son of Caspar Diller whose name is given in Dr. Diller's list as Jean (Han) Adam. I base this opinion, first, on the statement of my grandmother Ringwalt, born Diller, already reported. Second, on the belief entertained in New Holland, by members of the family now residing there, as reported in the extract I have quoted from Mr. Levi A. Diller's letter. Third, upon the impossibility of reconciling the acknowledged close relationship between the New Holland and Hanover branches of the family on any other theory; and upon other reasons elsewhere stated.

Information that has a bearing upon the history of all branches of the family, and the original immigration, is therefore derived from the fact, that a record in this Philip Adam Diller's Bible, now in the possession of Roland Diller, Esq., of New Holland, contains a statement that he was a native of Pfaltz, or

the Palatinate, and born at a place about eleven and a half miles from Heidelberg. He was born March 8, 1723. The probability, stated elsewhere, that his father after going from Alsace to Holland, and thence to England, returned to the Palatinate, in Baden, near Heidelberg, is greatly strengthened by the fact that Philip Adam was his son. His Bible was printed in Nuremberg, in 1747. It is a volume of 1274 pages, embracing the Augsburg Confession, Chronological table, and origin and meaning of names.

Of Philip Adam Diller, the only information I have gleaned, beyond the list of his descendants, is herewith submitted. I have kept it distinct from the previous portions of this sketch, partly to avoid confusion, partly on account of the doubts as to the exact nature of the relationship between Philip Adam Diller and Caspar Diller, which confused me when I commenced the labors submitted herewith, and partly because the sources of information are wholly distinct from those on which the preceding pages are founded. As Philip Adam Diller must also have been an immigrant, I have, in this list, put him in the first generation, notwithstanding the fact that he was probably one of the two sons who, according to tradition, came over here with the original Caspar Diller.

Mr. Levi A. Diller informs me that while nothing is now remembered of the personal characteristics of Philip Adam Diller, by the New Holland descendants, they know where he lived. It was on what is now known, and has been known for many years, as the Isaac Smoker farm, located on Mill Creek, about one and a half miles south of New Holland, and not far from the Welsh Mountain. There all his children were born, including Adam (progenitor of the Hanover branch), and Peter (progenitor of the branch to which my mother belonged). On this farm, Philip Adam Diller's youngest son, Isaac, lived after the death of his father. His oldest son, Adam, lived on a farm adjoining, which descended to his son Adam, who was a drover and dealer in cattle, as well as a farmer, and was commonly called Adam Diller the drover; and the largest portion of this estate has always since been in the possession of his heirs and descendants, until a few years ago, when it was purchased by Henry Musselman. The property mentioned above, as far as known, was the only land he (Philip Adam) owned. His son, Peter Diller, owned what is now five good-sized farms, between New Holland and the Welsh Mountains. He also owned a large tract north of the turnpike, from New Holland to Hinkletown. This land, however, he got through his wife, and it was sold early.

FIRST GENERATION.

Philip Adam Diller, a native of Pfaltz, or the Palatinate, was born at a place about eleven and a half miles from Heidelberg on March 8, 1723. Died September 8, 1777. Elizabeth Ellmaker, his wife, born 9th August, 1727; died 4th December, 1807. [She was the daughter of Leonard Ellmaker, who emigrated from Germany, and settled in Earl Township in 1726. His son, Nathaniel Ellmaker, was a member of the State Senate in 1796; and his grandsons were, first, Levi Ellmaker, who became a prominent citizen of Philadelphia, and had six daughters, viz., Mary, who married Mr. Willis; Matilda, who successively married Mr. Stewart and Rev. John Chambers; Laura, who married Robert Pettit of the navy; Caroline, who married William Patterson: Louisa, who married Dr. Maris, and Julia, who married Rev. Mr. Waller; and second Amos Ellmaker, born in New Holland in 1787, who was in turn a President Judge, tendered a Cabinet position by President Monroe, candidate of the Anti-Masonic party for Vice-President in 1832, and a candidate for United States Senator in 1834, as the opponent of James Buchanan.]

SECOND GENERATION.

Their children were:—

1. Adam Diller, born 1746, of Mill Creek, father of Peter, John, George, Adam, Catharine, and Sallie. [The descendants of this Adam Diller are more particularly enumerated in the preceding pages, from the information furnished by Dr. David Diller.]

2. Anna Maria (commonly called Mary) Diller, born 1748, who married John Bare.

3. Christina Diller, born 1750, married Peter Baker and emigrated to Virginia.

4. Magdalina Diller, born 1752, married Michael Kinzer.

5. Margaretta Diller, born 1755, married Frederick Baker.

6. Leonard Diller, born 1759, died 1798, ancestor of General Adam Diller, Sheriff of Lancaster County in 1828, and other children named hereafter.

7. Peter Diller, born April 20, 1761, died December 13, 1816, father of Squire Roland Diller, Solomon Diller, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Luther, of New Holland, and other children named elsewhere.

8. Isaac Diller, born 1763, died 1835; father of William Diller, a farmer near New Holland, and Jonathan Diller, who married Ann Weaver, who subsequently became Mrs. Morgan L. Reese, of Downingtown, Chester County.

THIRD GENERATION.

1. Adam married Salome Yundt. Their children were Peter,[1] George, John, Adam, Sallie, and Catharine. 2. Anna Maria married John Bare, who kept a tavern at the place which has now become Bareville, on the New Holland and Lancaster turnpike, four miles west of New Holland. Her son, Adam Bare, born March 21, 1789, is still living (1877) at the advanced age of nearly 89 years. He remains as active as most men of 60, and in full possession of all his faculties. He was successively elected auditor, sheriff, and commissioner of Lancaster County. He had sisters, who respectively married Michael Johns, Henry Good, and Henry Bare, who have each left a number of descendants. Mr. Levi A. Diller saw Adam Bare in the latter portion of November, 1877, and states that "he says he recollects well when Peter Diller moved to Hanover, and he visited him there once." He also substantiates, from personal knowledge, the statement that Peter Diller, of Hanover, was the son of the Adam Diller who married Salome Yundt, and who was one of the sons of Philip Adam Diller. 3. Christina married Peter Baker, and removed to Virginia. They had several children. One of their daughters married Jacob Diffenderfer, of New Holland, who was in the Revolutionary army. I believe he entered it as a drummer boy, and, according to histories of Lancaster County, he was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Another daughter married ——— Harding. 4. Magdalena married Michael Kinzer, and had children named William, Mary, Elizabeth, Catharine, George, Amos, and Margaret. 5. Margaretta married Frederick Baker. Their children were Elizabeth, Mary, Frederick Diller, Catharine, Margaret, and Elias. 6. Leonard married Mary Magdalene Hinkle, of Hinkletown (one of the family who founded that town), Lancaster County; and their children were Jeremiah, George, Elijah (died in infancy), Adam, Elizabeth, and Mary. 7. Peter married Elizabeth Roland on May 18, 1784. Their children were Isaac, born February 7, 1785, died July 21,

[1] This son Peter, according to the understanding of the New Holland branch of the family, is the progenitor of the Hanover branch.

1813 (no issue); George (died in infancy); Catharine (who died in infancy); Elizabeth, born October 28, 1789, died September 30, 1869, at 5 o'clock A. M.; Samuel, born Nov. 21, 1791, died Nov. 20, 1820; Mary, born July 2, 1793, died June 10, 1866; Catharine, born June 7, 1795; Lydia, born March 21, 1797; Roland (no issue), born December 5, 1799; Solomon, born Feb. 10, 1802; Amos (died in infancy); Levi (no issue), born Feb. 1, 1805, died Sept. 17, 1829; and Maria, who died in infancy. 8. Isaac Diller married Susanna Roland, and had children named Jonathan, Catharine, William, Julia, Isaac, and Rachel. His second wife was Maria Graybill, by whom he had Graybill and Emma Crise (twins), Adam (who subsequently lived in Illinois), and Amos.

The Peter Diller named above, who was my great-grandfather, was born April 20, 1761, and died December 13, 1816. He married, on May 18, 1784, Elizabeth Roland, who was born June 23, 1767, and died October 11, 1830. During nearly all his life he resided in New Holland, in the old stone mansion east of the brick residence of Roland Diller, Esq., which house was subsequently occupied and owned by my father, Samuel Ringwalt, from about 1831 to about 1837. Peter Diller, however, removed to Lancaster City in the spring of 1800, and subsequently returned to New Holland in the spring of 1802. He combined the business of farmer, merchant, and innkeeper, and in these labors was greatly assisted during his life by his energetic wife, who conducted many of them with great success after his death: superintending the operations of the farm, store, and tavern, and also directing with great skill and carefulness the numerous household duties connected with domestic manufactures of clothing, linen, and food. She was, I believe, the granddaughter of Col. John Huber, whose name is mentioned in a history of Lancaster County, published since Rupp's, as the colonel of one of five battalions formed in 1777, for the support of the cause of Independence. Peter Diller, as elsewhere stated, exercised an important influence in politics by promoting the selection of his favorite candidates.

The Peter and Frederick Baker, named above, were brothers, who married sisters—Christina and Margaretta Diller. Peter lived in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, from whence he emigrated to Virginia, where some of his descendants attained distinction. Those named Harding formerly resided in Powhatan County, not far from Richmond. Frederick Baker came from Germany, and lived with his brother Peter, until he purchased about 300 acres of limestone land in Pequea, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, seven miles south of New Holland, and two miles north of the present Gap

station on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He had some capital, was intelligent and energetic, and quite a scientific farmer. At considerable expense he dammed the Pequea Creek, and built works to raise water to irrigate his farm, the land of which was considerably higher than the creek. The records of Saint John's Church, at the Compass, one of the earliest Episcopal churches in the State, show that he was an active member of the vestry. He was successful as a farmer and business man. He died in Philadelphia in 18 , after undergoing a painful and dangerous surgical operation by Dr. Physic, and was buried in Christ Church graveyard, Philadelphia. His widow died at Millwood, on Pequea Creek, 183 , and was buried in Saint John's churchyard in Chester County, Pa.

FOURTH GENERATION.

1. Of the descendants of Adam Diller, the son of Philip Adam, further information is given in the preceding pages, based on Dr. David Diller's statements, as he was presumably the father of Peter Diller, founder of the Hanover branch of the family. I have also been informed that George had sons named Lewis, George, and Jacob, and that John was the father of the John Diller living near New Holland in 1875, Mrs. Jacob Ranck, who died about or shortly before that time, and other children; but Susanna S. Ranck, wife of the Jacob Ranck now living near Beartown, writes me as follows in regard to his Diller ancestors: "My husband's mother was Lucy Diller, a daughter of John Diller, who was a brother of Adam, Daniel, and George Diller; and her brothers are Nathaniel and John Diller; her sisters were Polly Geigley, Joanna Sheaffer, Savilla and Rachel Diller." Adam had several sons, and also several daughters, who still reside in the vicinity of New Holland.

2. Adam Bare (son of Anna Maria Diller, wife of John Bare) was married to Sarah Graybill in 1814. They had twelve children, five of whom died in infancy and childhood. The others are as follows: Elias; he kept the Bull's Head Hotel, on Market Street, Philadelphia, for many years, and died in the fall of 1877. Diller married (his second wife) a daughter of Isaac, grandson of Philip Adam. Wayne, not married. Adam (no issue) emigrated to Alabama in 1859, died in 1875. He was a skilful mechanic and engineer. During the war he was impressed into the Confederate service, and was compelled to oversee a large shovel manufactory, making shovels and tools for the army. He was

also for some time engaged in the superintendency of the building of bridges. He was in comfortable circumstances before the war, but, like many thousands of others, the war ruined him. Wilson's cavalry raid capped the climax of his pecuniary losses. John G. emigrated to California in 1856, where he still resides, engaged in prospecting and mining for gold. Caroline married twice. Her first husband was Samuel W. Groff, and second Isaac R. Brubaker. Catharine married Levi W. Groff, a great-great-grandson of Hans Groff, one of the first settlers of Earl Township. Caroline (her sister's) first husband, Samuel W. Groff, was a brother of Levi W. Groff. The latter has a large family.

3. Of the descendants of the daughter of Christina Diller, who married Jacob Diffenderfer, there were four sons, Peter, William, Jacob, and Samuel, and one daughter, Kate, married to Hawkins. They all had issue except Peter. Samuel settled in Circleville, Ohio.

4. Of the descendants of Magdalena Diller, who married Michael Kinzer: 1. William Kinzer's children were B. Franklin, William Weidler, Louisa, who married Lemon, Maria (deceased), who married Abraham Smoker, Caroline, Elizabeth, Lucetta, who married Hurst (deceased), Lydia (deceased), and Margaret, who married John Wallace. 2. Mary Kinzer married George Bender, and had children named Kinzer, who is married, and has issue; and William, who was killed in a steamboat explosion on one of the Western rivers or lakes; a daughter who married Benjamin Owens; and a daughter who married Benjamin Hull, of Philadelphia. 3. Elizabeth, who married John Bender, and has children named David, Michael, John, George, and Maria. All the sons married and have issue. Two of the sons met with violent deaths, one being drowned and one thrown from a horse and killed. 4. Catharine married Jacob Rhoads, and had children named Isaac, Eliza (deceased), who married Isaac Kurtz and had issue, Margaret, William, Julia, who married Jacob Worst, and had a daughter named Margaret. Catharine subsequently married John Sweigart (deceased), and had issue named Eveline and Jacob, who married and has one child. 5. George Kinzer had children named Maria Magdalena, Amos, Esias, Nathaniel Ellmaker, Elias, Anna, Margaret, George W., Harriet, Levi E., William P., Caroline T., and Elizabeth. 6. Amos Kinzer had children named Catharine, who married Samuel High; Theodore A., who married Mary G. Roland and has issue; Wm. Henry Harrison, who married and has issue; Anna Margaret, who married Mr. McIlvaine and has issue; George Hines, who was lost on the ship Golden Gate, in 1861, when on his way home from Califor-

nia; Dr. Esaias Kinzer, who represented Lancaster County in the State Senate, and married Catharine Roland, daughter of Henry Roland, deceased, of New Holland, and had a son named Roland (deceased), and a daughter named Annie; Nathaniel Ellmaker Kinzer (deceased), who married Lydia Wallace, but left no issue; Elias, who married and had two children, named Margaret and Annie; Anna Margaret, who married George Diller, and has children, named Emma, Lucinda, Anna, and George; George W., who married and has one daughter, Annie, now residing in California; Harriet, who married Mr. Vanbuskirk and has children, now residing in Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Levi E., who married and has issue; Elizabeth, who married Aaron Custer, and has issue, now residing in Pottstown; Wm. P. (deceased), who married Jane Slaymaker, and had three children; and Caroline T. (deceased). 7. Margaret married George Weidler.

5. Of the descendants of Margaretta Diller, who married Frederick Baker: 1. Elizabeth married Thomas Clemson, a prosperous merchant of Philadelphia, and had children named John Baker, Louisa, Thomas Green, Elizabeth, William Frederick, and Catharine M. 2. Mary married David Ferree, of the vicinity of Parkesburg, Chester County (a representative of the old Huguenot or French Protestant Ferree family), and had children named Diller, Margaret, Maria, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catharine, Sophia, Lydia, Louisa, David, Adam, and a child who died in infancy. 3. Frederick Diller Baker married Alice Abigail Boyd, whose father was a descendant of the Boyd family of Scotland, of which the Earl of Kilmarnock, who was beheaded for being an adherent of the Stuarts, was a distinguished representative. Their children—all living at this time—are Margaret Elizabeth, Jane Catharine, William Frederick, born 1817, Joseph Boyd, born Sept. 21, 1820. [He now resides on a finely situated farm, near Downingtown, Chester Co. He entered the service of the Reading Railroad Co. in 1835 as rodman in the engineer corps stationed at Pottstown. In 1838, he was an assistant engineer in the State service in Governor Porter's administration, and assisted in the resurveying of the celebrated Tape Worm Railroad, which had been laid out and built by a previous administration. Chief-Engineer Wm. K. Huffnagle made from this survey his report of that extraordinary work to the Canal Commissioners in 1838 or '39. While in the service of the State he had charge as engineer of the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad, and the Canal from Columbia to Duncan's Island. In 1852, he was appointed Superintendent of the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad, which at

that period was considered one of the most important political offices in the State. He resigned in the spring of 1857 to accept the appointment of Collector for the Port of Philadelphia, tendered to him by his distinguished friend President Buchanan.] George Washington, born 1822, graduated at Harvard, studied law in Lancaster, went to San Francisco. [He was elected judge of one of the courts, discharged the duties of that position in an impartial and satisfactory manner, and has lately been engaged in literary and scientific pursuits.] La Fayette, born 1824, continued to live at Millwood until his mother's death, sold the property and removed to Philadelphia, where he is successfully engaged in the grain and commission business. 4. Catharine, married Col. Frederick Eichelbeger, at one time a member of the State Legislature from York County, and a handsome and agreeable gentleman. Their only child, a daughter named Margaret, died in childhood. 5. Margaret, married James McClelland, and had one daughter, named Louise (who was the first wife of Abraham Russel, and who left at her death a number of children), and two sons, one of whom is Elias McClelland, now living in Western Pennsylvania, and another, Henry, who lives at Allegheny Furnace, near Altoona. 6. Elias married Hetty Woods, a daughter of David Woods, of Lancaster County. He was a thorough business man, of indomitable energy. In 1834 he sold his property in Lancaster County, having previously purchased the large and grand estate known as Allegheny Furnace, near Huntingdon, to which he removed. Part of Altoona is built on this property. He died in 185–. Their children are named David Woods, Sylvester H., and Annie.

6. Of the descendants of Leonard Diller, 1. Jeremiah went to seek his fortune in Kentucky about 1807, going the whole distance on foot, which is an evidence of the enterprise and perseverance which characterized him; after accumulating considerable means by cabinet-making, he invested in steamboats; he owned and commanded several which ran between Louisville and New Orleans. He married Elizabeth Abell, and had four daughters, viz., Caroline L., who married Christopher Greenup Castleman; their descendants are living, some in Texas, and some in the Indian Territory, while Mrs. Elizabeth Duffield lives with the widowed mother in Nebraska City, Neb., and has for a number of years been a prominent teacher there. Angeline married John Lee, and resides at Eureka, Missouri; Sarah E. married James P. Thompson, both are deceased. Ellen M. married Dr. Geo. M. Walling; they reside in Louisville; their son, Willoughby Walling, M.D., is a rising young physician, was at one

time a member of the Faculty of the Louisville Medical University. In 1864 Jeremiah Diller was married a second time, to Lucy Shirley, of Lancaster, Pa., and he died in 1869, aged about 80 years. 2. George married Lydia Souder, a woman of remarkably good mind and sound sense. Their children are William (deceased), who married Catharine Schweitzer; Rev. Jacob W., who married Angeline Van Nostrand; Catharine (deceased), who married John Reilly; George J., who married Mary Kreeder; Samuel, who married Mary Kautz; Isaac, who married Anna Frey; Sarah A., who married William Wallace Fisher; and Mary A., who was a successful teacher in Lancaster, and now lives in Chambersburg, Pa. George died December 21, 1858; his wife, Lydia, February 22, 1845. 3. Adam married Barbara Hoffman, Feb. 20, 1813. Their children are Jeremiah, who was lost on a steamboat on the Ohio River near Louisville, Oct. 4, 1835; Amos, now living in Philadelphia; Adam Henry, who was admitted to the bar in 1847, removed to Springfield, Ill., where he died, Dec. 20, 1848; and Eliza (died in childhood). In 1831 he married a second wife, Mrs. Mary A. Risdel Owen, and had a daughter, Eliza J. Diller, now living in Philadelphia. In 1840 he again married, taking for his third wife Susan Riehle; their son, William R., also resides in Philadelphia. Adam took an active part in forming and leading a Lancaster County cavalry troop to Baltimore, or that vicinity, during the second war with Great Britain. In 1827 he was elected Sheriff of Lancaster County, was subsequently appointed Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania under David R. Porter's administration, which office he held for six years. He removed to Philadelphia in 1840. Under General Taylor's administration he received the appointment of Naval Storekeeper. He was known through life as General Adam Diller, and died April 2, 1859, in his seventieth year. 4. Elizabeth, who remained unmarried, was known as Miss Betsy Diller, during a long and useful life; she was, in all respects, an example to her younger relatives, by whom she was regarded as such, and greatly beloved; her sweet temper, and lovely Christian character, won the hearts of all who knew her. She died August 1, 1869, aged 75 years. 5. Mary married Jacob Weaver; they soon afterwards removed to Franklin County, Pa. Their children are Elizabeth, married to Jacob Hege; John, married to Fanny Lehman; Maria, married to Daniel Lehman; Rebecca, married to Michael Hege; Anne, married to Moses Shank; Lydia, married to Isaac Burkholder; George D. (deceased); Fanny, married to John Reifsnyder; and Hannah. This branch of the family belong to the religious body known as

Mennonites, are most exemplary people, and are all engaged in farming around Chambersburg.

7. Of the descendants of Peter Diller, 1. Elizabeth, born October 29, 1789, died September 30, 1869, married Dr. John Luther, of New Holland, and had issue: 1. Louisa, died February 28, 1835 (who married Samuel Ringwalt); 2. Dr. Diller Luther, now agent of State Board of Charities of Pennsylvania, Collector of Internal Revenue of Berks County under Lincoln's administration, and at an earlier period a practising physician, and extensively engaged in mining coal in Schuylkill County; 3. Dr. John Weaver Luther, died April 25, 1870, who practised as a physician for a number of years in New Holland, with great success and acceptability to the entire population of that vicinity; 4. Martin (who died in infancy); 5. Roland Augustus (who entered West Point in 1832, and graduated in 1836, when he was commissioned a 2d lieutenant in the 2d regiment of artillery, made 1st lieutenant in 1838, promoted to a captaincy in 1847, went with his regiment to Florida, and there participated in several of the engagements with the Seminole Indians; took part in troubles with Creeks and Cherokees; marched to the northern frontier in Michigan when troubles with Great Britain were impending; joined forces of General Taylor in the Mexican War, distinguished himself by gallantry at Palo Alto, where he was so severely wounded that he was compelled to come north; then received his commission as captain, recruited a company in New York, and sailed to join the forces of General Scott, then in the city of Mexico; after this was stationed in Charleston harbor on garrison duty, but continued to suffer from the wound and diseases contracted in Mexico, and his health failing rapidly, returned to New Holland, where he died in 1853; he was a skilful soldier, well versed in the literature and practical duties of his profession); 6. Peter Diller (who, during most of his active life, was engaged in managing coal mining operations in the vicinity of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, where he now resides); 7 and 8. Catharine and Elizabeth (who now reside in New Holland); 9. Cornelius Hiester (who died in infancy); 10. Martin (who is a leading physician of Reading, Pennsylvania).

2. Samuel Diller, born Nov. 21, 1791, died Nov. 20, 1820, married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Ringwalt, and had issue a daughter, who died in infancy, and two sons, Peter and Charles Augustus. Peter was married to Sarah Simpson, of Philadelphia, but he died without issue in December, 1872, in Texas, to which State he emigrated a few years before the Rebellion, and where he became a prominent citizen, having been elected Mayor of Brenham, in

Washington County; Charles, born April 28, 1818, married Ann Eliza Thompson, of Newville, in June, 1840, and removed to vicinity of Sterling, Illinois, in 1850.

3. Mary, born July 20, 1793, died June 10, 1866, married Henry Shirk and formerly lived in New Holland. Her children were Elizabeth Diller, who married Cornelius F. Roland, of New Holland, Maria Louisa, Mary Anna, who married Luther Diller, Henry, Diller, Luther, Lydia, who married Jacob R. Johns, Roland, two children who died in infancy, and Catharine Amelia, who died in 1832, when in her sixteenth year.

4. Catharine married Morris Wilson, and had issue, one daughter, Anna E., who married Dr. John G. Moore, surgeon-dentist of New Holland.

5. Lydia, born March 21, 1797, married Rev. Peter Filbert, a Lutheran clergyman, who was in charge of the congregation of the Bergstrass Church, near the northern boundary line of old Earl Township, from 1813 to 1823, and who for a considerable period also had charge of the congregation at New Holland and other Lutheran churches in that vicinity, but who subsequently abandoned the ministry, and removed to Reading, Pennsylvania, of which city he was at one time mayor. Her children were Peter Diller, deceased, Samuel, who has long been extensively engaged in the lumber business at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Anna E., married to John T. Craig, Henry M. (deceased), Lydia A., Mary Louisa, William F., deceased, Catharine A., married to Harvey Birch, Roland D., deceased, John R., deceased, and two children, Catharine A. and Susannah, who died in infancy. Of these sons Henry M. and Roland D. were both killed in the late war, while engaged in the Union service, Henry M. being captain of a company of which Roland D. was a member.

6. Solomon Diller, born in Lancaster City, February 10, 1802, to which place his parents removed in the spring of 1800, returning to New Holland in the spring of 1802, has always since resided in the neighborhood of New Holland, and been a successful farmer. In 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, he was one of the representatives of Lancaster County in the State legislature. He married Margaret Ann James, of Chester County, September 16, 1834. Their issue are Elizabeth Grace, who married Levi Jones, James, Levi Augustus (who married Julia Barton Davis, daughter of Gabriel and Susanna R. Davis, of Sterling, Illinois), John Roland, who married Susan Styer, only daughter of John and Susanna Styer, Emma Catharine (deceased), Anna Mary (deceased),

Sarah Emeline (who married George W. Styer, son of John and Susanna Styer), Horace (deceased), Alfred Newton, and Annie Elvina.

8. Of the descendants of Isaac Diller, 1. Jonathan, who married Ann Weaver, had issue named, 1. Weaver; 2. Susanna (who married Gabriel Davis, and now lives at Sterling, Illinois); 3. Maria, who married Reuben Ruth; 4. Isaac R., who now lives in Chicago, Illinois. (In early life he learned the printing business, and subsequently took an active part in literary, military, and political affairs in Pennsylvania and Illinois. He was a quartermaster with the rank of captain in the Mexican War. Edited and published in Philadelphia about 1843, in conjunction with Adam Henry, son of General Adam Diller, a newspaper called the Citizen Soldier, in which the early stories and sketches of George Lippard were first published; also printed at Harrisburg a Democratic newspaper called the Pennsylvania Reporter. After he removed to Illinois, in 1848, he was clerk of one of the branches of the legislature of that State, and Chairman of the Democratic State Committee in the exciting campaign of 1856. He was an active friend of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, and was appointed by James Buchanan Consul at Bremen, a position he held until some time after the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln. With that President Isaac R. Diller was also well acquainted, and at his request he instituted a number of experiments about the year 1862 or 1863, in the vicinity of Philadelphia, which had reference to the manufacture of a superior explosive substance to be used in the war of the Rebellion); 5. Roland W. married Miss Ridgway, of Philadelphia, and lives in Springfield, Illinois; 6. Annie, who married Augustus Ayers, a banker in Jacksonville, Illinois.

2. William Diller, married Mary Vogan, and had issue named Roland, Vogan (who went to California, and was pecuniarily successful in that State), Luther (who married Mary Ann Shirk, of New Holland), Margaret (who married Isaac Hull, of New Holland), and Susan, who married George W. Smith, of New Holland.

3. Julia, who married Mr. Graybill, had issue named Eliza Binkly, Abraham, Susan Bowman, Kitty, Maria, Julia Getz.

4. Isaac, who married, successively, two Miss Graybills, had issue by the first wife (Susan G.) named Susie and Nancy, and by the second wife, named Sallie G., his issue were named Rachel and Roland.

5. Rachel, who married Philip Sprecher, had issue named Susanna (who

became Mrs. Styer), Jonathan, Rachel (who married Mr. Miller), William, George, and Kate, who married John Reigart.

6. Of Isaac Diller's issue by his second wife, Maria Graybill, there was, 1. Graybill, who married Lucy Miller, and had issue named Maria, now the wife of Col. Joseph C. Hess, of Philadelphia; Isaac, who at last accounts was living at Holly Springs, Mississippi; Levi, and George, who married Theresa, daughter of Christian Rine, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; 2. Emma, who married Henry Crise, and had issue, Maria, Graybill, Lucinda, and Henry. Mary married Cyrus Mentzer; 3. Adam, who removed to Illinois; 4. Amos, of New Holland, who married Mary Carpenter, and has issue named Edwin, Emma, and William.

FIFTH GENERATION.

To this generation belong, 1st, descendants of Adam Diller; 2. Grandchildren of Jacob Diffenderfer and his first wife, the daughter of Christina and Peter Baker. 3. The great-grandchildren of Magdalena Diller, who married Michael Kinzer. They are numerous. Independent of those already mentioned under the head of fourth generation, there are the children of Maria Magdalena, daughter of George Kinzer, who married Henry Yundt, who for a number of years kept the Blue Ball Tavern, on the Downingtown and Harrisburg Turnpike, fifteen miles east of Lancaster, and had issue named Anna Margaret, who married Michael Witmer, and has issue; Henrietta Caroline, who married B. Frank Kinzer, and had children named Kate (deceased) and Maria; Louisa, who married Reuben Seidel, and had ten children; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Samuel Welchens, surgeon dentist, of Lancaster, and has several children; Emma, who married Bodo Otto, of Williamsport, and has issue; Edwin Henry, a lawyer in Lancaster, Horace A., a lawyer in Reading; Harriet C., Clarissa A., and Dr. W. Scott, who married Emma Giue, and has issue.

4. The descendants of Margaretta Diller, who married Frederick Baker, in this generation, include the following:—

1. The children of Rev. John Baker Clemson, of Claymont, Delaware. His first wife was Margaret Bull, and their children were Lizzie, who married Fisher Hazzard, of Mauch Chunk; Annie, who married George L. Washington; Thomas G., who married Miss Ogden, of New York; and Martha. Mr. Clemson's second wife was Phœbe Waln Lewis, of Philadelphia, and their children

embraced a daughter, now dead, who married Mr. Joseph Hartel, and a daughter named Mary. 2. Louisa Clemson married Dr. Walter Washington, of Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia, who was a great-nephew of General George Washington, and a nephew of James Madison, the fourth President of the United States. Their children were Lucy, who married John Packett, a descendant of Gen. Packett of the Revolutionary Army; Christine, who married Mr. Washington, a son of John A. Washington, who formerly owned Mount Vernon; George L., who married Annie Clemson (as mentioned above), and Annie Steptoe, who married Thomas A. Brown, of Jefferson County, Virginia. 3. Thomas Green Clemson married Anna, daughter of Hon. John C. Calhoun, formerly United States Senator from South Carolina, and had four children, two of whom died in infancy, a daughter, Floride, now dead, wife of Mr. Gideon Lee, of New York, and a son named Calhoun, who is now dead. 4. Elizabeth Clemson married Hon. George Washington Barton, a distinguished lawyer, and judge of one of the courts of Philadelphia, and had one daughter named Kate. 5. William married Susan Dore, of Nova Scotia. 6. Catharine married George Washington North, of Philadelphia, and had eight children; one died in infancy; Clemson, who married Harriet Belford, of Mauch Chunk, and now lives in Wilkesbarre; George H., who married Hattie Robins; William Frederick, who married Fannie Delleker; Rev. Walter North, who married Mrs. Eleanor Clinton, of Buffalo; and Bessie, Clarence, and Herbert.

2. Of the children of Mrs. Mary Ferree, Diller married Miss Dewees, and had several children; Margaret married Peter Worrest, and had several children; Maria married Park McClelland; Sarah married Mr. McPherson, and had four children; Catharine married Mr. Pettit and had two daughters, one of whom married Samuel Haslett of Parkesburg, Chester County; Sophia married Washington Alexander, of Kennett Square, Chester County; Lydia married Dr. Kirkwood, and removed to Arkansas; she has three children, one daughter and two sons; Louisa married Jesse Miller, of Kennett Square, and has several children; David, who resides on the old homestead, one mile above Parkesburg, married Miss Elizabeth Ann White and has several children; Adam is also married and has issue.

3. Of the children of Frederick Diller Baker (son of Frederick Baker) and Alice Abigail his wife: 1. Margaret E. Baker married Abraham A. Russel, merchant, of Lancaster. They have no children. 2. Jane Catharine Baker married Dr. Wm. M. Gemmill, of Kent County, Maryland. Their children are

Frederick, Baker, and Alice Boyd. 3. William F. Baker married Martha C. Houston, daughter of Samuel Houston, Esq. His mother was a daughter of John Hopkins, the grandfather of Generals Augustus and Alfred Pleasanton, and other prominent men. Their children are Frederick D., who died in California, Samuel Houston, who is now a commander in the U. S. Navy, Horatio, and William. 4. Joseph Boyd Baker and Lafayette Baker married sisters; the former Annie and the latter Mary Franklin Hopkins, daughters of Washington Hopkins, a brilliant and fascinating young lawyer of Lancaster, who died in the very beginning of a career already made bright by his genius, and granddaughters of James Hopkins, a distinguished lawyer of the same place, with whom Ex-President Buchanan studied law. He always maintained the highest veneration for his preceptor, as being a courtly gentleman, and a brave, able, and dignified lawyer. James Hopkins' wife, Anne Ross, was a granddaughter of Col. George Ross, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Their mother, Mary Franklin, was a daughter of Walter Franklin, of Philadelphia, who was appointed by Gov. Snyder President Judge of Lancaster, York, and Lebanon Counties, which at that time formed one judicial district. His wife, Annie Emlen, was a direct descendant of George Emlen, who accompanied Wm. Penn to Philadelphia. Joseph B. and Annie H. Baker's children are named Emily Newbold, born 1847, married in 1870 to Henry B. Griffith, issue James Buchanan Griffith, born in 1871; Alice Boyd, born 1852, married 1877 to Edmund Graff Hamersly, lawyer of Philadelphia; and Joseph B., Jr., born in 1853, resides in 1877 with his parents at Ingleside, Chester County. Mary H., Walter F., and George Ross died in childhood. George Washington Baker married Miss Mary Lane, niece of Ex-President Buchanan. She died without issue in San Francisco, California. Lafayette, as already stated, married Mary F. Hopkins. Their children are Dr. Washington H., Mary F., Frederick Diller, William Boyd, and Emily N.

4. The children of Elias Baker and Hetty Woods his wife are: David Woods, who married Sarah Tuthill, of Princeton, N. J., daughter of Mrs. Louisa Tuthill, the author of several interesting and instructive books for children. He graduated at Washington College, had good address and fine abilities, was attached to the U. S. Coast Survey, and was employed in the Northern States; was killed when returning to his station, after visiting his wife and young daughter at Princeton, by inhaling hot steam, caused by the explosion of the steamboat Reindeer on the Hudson River. His daughter, Louisa Woods, recently married a Swedish professor, Ernest Beckman, son of Rev. Professor

Beckman, of Sweden, and she now resides in Sweden. Sylvester H. is unmarried and lives with his mother at Allegheny Furnace, conducting the extensive business left by his father. Anne also lives with her mother.

5. The descendants of Leonard Diller, in the fifth generation, embrace the children of Wm. R. Diller (son of General Adam Diller), who now resides in Philadelphia. He married Harriet Ashmead, daughter of James Ashmead, of Hartford, Connecticut, and has issue named Charles Ashmead and Henry Leonard. The descendants of Jeremiah Diller, George Diller, and Mary Weaver are numerous—some living in Pennsylvania, and some in Kentucky, Nebraska, Texas, Indian Territory, and Missouri.

6. Of the descendants of Peter Diller, in the fifth generation, there are: 1. The grandchildren of his daughter Elizabeth, who married Dr. John Luther, viz.: The children of Samuel Ringwalt and Louisa Luther,[1] as follows: John Luther

[1] The following obituary notice of Mrs. Louisa Ringwalt (whose remains were buried in the Lutheran graveyard, New Holland), written by Dr. Henderson, appeared in a newspaper published in Waynesburg, Chester County, shortly after her death :—

Died, at New Holland, on the 25th of February, 1835, Mrs. Louisa Ringwalt, in the 29th year of her age, wife of Col. Samuel Ringwalt.

The announcement of the death of the aged or the very young seldom excites in us an unusual sensation. Because each season, as, with its vicissitude of weather, it successively comes, threatens to sever the attenuated and brittle cord of the one, while the latter are frequent subjects of disease, which their tender frames enable them long to endure; and whose sufferings, generally short, we are well assured, are but the preludes to a blissful change. But when we hear of those taken away in the noon of life, while dispensing usefulness and felicity around them, our tenderest sensibilities are awakened; and a feeling thrills coldly through every nerve.

This fact we behold strikingly exemplified in the decease of Mrs. Ringwalt in the prime of womanhood—a wife with a young and interesting family—one a tender babe—growing up around her—whose infantile years allow them not to estimate the loss which in a mother's death they have sustained. Her character was domestic; she was kind and conciliatory to all who knew her; to an attentive and affectionate husband, always attractive and engaging. As a daughter and a sister, her value is best learned amid the tears and regrets of her own kindred.

Her disease, one of the worst of a pneumonic character, though short, was exceedingly severe; yet it did not deter her from fixing her attention on that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." And as the last scene of her earthly existence approached, as well as throughout her whole sickness, she exhibited a marked instance of Christian patience and resignation, awakening in all who surrounded her dying bed the wish that their latter end might be like hers.

George Bryan Porter, Louisa Catharine, and Samuel. The children of Dr. Diller Luther, who married Amelia H. Spayd, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and had children named Emma and John Martin. The children of Peter Diller Luther, who married Elizabeth Mills, daughter of Thomas Mills, of Pottsville, and had children named Roland Cornelius, Thomas Mills, Walter Scott, and Henry Morris. 2. The children of Charles A. Diller, of Sterling, Illinois (who was the son of Samuel Diller), viz., Laura, now Mrs. Hugh L. John, Thomas, Samuel, Roland, and William. These children were all born in New Holland, except William, their father having removed from New Holland, in 1850, to Illinois, where William was born. 3. The grandchildren of Mrs. Mary Shirk, in the fifth generation, are as follows: Elizabeth Diller Shirk was married to Cornelius F. Roland, of New Holland, on October 22, 1846, and their issue are Charles Augustus (died in infancy), Horace, Henry Shirk, and Cornelia Elizabeth. Mary Ann Shirk was married to Luther Diller in 1842, and had six children. Her husband died about 1855. Three of her children, Henry, Abigail, and Enos, died in infancy. Three survive, Margaret, who married George Ream in 1869; William, now engaged in the commission and produce business in Philadelphia; and John Vogan, who manufactures saddles and harness in New Holland. Henry Shirk married Ann Dick, who died without issue. Diller married Rachel Wilson, but has no children. Roland married Clara Showers, and has children named Henrietta, Elizabeth Showers, and Frederick Showers. Lydia married Jacob R. Johns, and died January 19, 1867, leaving seven children, named Anson, Mary, Annie, Isaac, Alice, Christian, and Louisa. Five of them reside in Dauphin County, where their father removed; Alice resides in Philadelphia, and Louisa in New Holland. 4. Anna E. Wilson, who married Dr. Moore, has a son named Roland Moore. 5. The grandchildren of Mrs. Peter Filbert, of Reading, are in this generation. 6. The grandchildren of Solomon Diller, of New Holland, are in this generation. Those now living (1877) are as follows: Elizabeth Grace, who married Levi B. Jones, has children named Annie, Harry Diller, Edward and Emeline Torbert. Levi A., who married Julia Barton Davis, has children named Horace Erskine, Susan Davis, and Annie Elizabeth. John Roland Diller, who married Susan Styer, has a son named Charles Styer. Sarah Emeline, who married George W. Styer, has children named Horace Diller and Elizabeth Grace.

7. The great-grandchildren of Isaac Diller, son of Philip Adam, are descendants of the latter in the fifth generation. This list includes: 1. The children of

Gabriel and Susanna Davis, viz: William White, Julia Barton, Hervey Gabriel, Newton (deceased), Edward Diller, Henry Laurens, and Charles Augustus; of Roland W. Diller, of Illinois, who had a son named Isaac R., Emma, who married John Ayers, and other children; and the children of his sisters, Maria, who married Mr. Ruth, and had two sons named Diller and Frank, and Annie, who married Mr. Ayres, of Jacksonville, Illinois. Their children are Florence, who married Eugene Trainor; Ann Reese, lately married to Mr. Alexander, a son of the Illinois cattle king, John W. Alexander; Augustus, Grace, and Elizabeth, deceased. 2. The children of Luther Diller (given above); Mrs. Hull, wife of Isaac Hull and daughter of William Diller, has children named Hannah Roland, Laura, Charles, Harry, Margaret, and Vogan; and Mrs. George W. Smith, of New Holland, has children named Edward, Ida, married to G. W. Townsley, Annie, and Mary. 3. And doubtless a number of other descendants, whose names have not been furnished to me.

SIXTH GENERATION.

This list embraces: 1. John Luther Ringwalt, of Downingtown, who is the son of Dr. Samuel Ringwalt, deceased, formerly of New Holland, who married Rebecca Evans Wills, of Downingtown. 2. The children of John Luther Ringwalt, of Philadelphia, who married Jessie Elder, daughter of Dr. William Elder, and has living issue named Roland, William Elder, Katharine, Louise Luther, and Freda. 3. Granddaughters of Dr. Diller Luther, of Reading, Kate, married to Reuben Hale, of Reading; and Louisa. 4. The children of the sons of Peter D. Luther, Roland C., who married Theresa Yengling, of Pottsville, where he now resides; and of Thomas Mills Luther, who married Rose Behm, of Reading, where he now resides. 5. Horace Roland, grandson of Mrs. Shirk, married Ellen S. Daly, of Easton, and has a son named Charles. There are, also, a number of descendants in this generation, of whose names I have not been informed, as the list would include all the great-great-great-grandchildren of Philip Adam Diller, and the descendants of the persons and families already named.

APPENDIX.

THE FAMILY GRAVEYARDS ON LOCH PLATZ.

Reference is made on one of the preceding pages to the family graveyard on Loch Platz, established there in accordance with a custom common among the early settlers in the vicinity of New Holland, in which Caspar Diller is presumably buried. As that farm, after remaining in the possession of various members of the Diller family for more than a century, was transferred during the last few years to new purchasers, the following statements, forwarded to me by Mr. Levi A. Diller, suggest the desirability of a removal of the remains of some of the early Dillers to one of the public graveyards in New Holland, if such a step is feasible. Under date of December 11, 1877, he writes as follows:—

I have just returned from a visit to the graveyard mentioned in your letter, which I received last evening. I found there the tomb of Adam Diller, born December 23, 1783; died February 16, 1835. Beside him is buried Julianna Dietrich, who died in 1876; one tomb of Diller Hoover, a young man, a son of John and Diana Hoover, the latter was a sister of Mrs. Dietrich; also a tombstone of another young child, which I could not decipher, being in German, and very indistinct; besides all these there are three or four more graves, with nothing but common stones at head and foot to indicate that they are graves. This and nothing more could I make out in this particular graveyard. But Mr. Abraham Smoker (a son of Isaac Smoker, who for many years lived on the Philip Adam Diller farm), who has lived all his life on a farm adjoining the Adam Diller farm—in fact, it is part of the original tract of the Philip Adam Diller farm—pointed out to me the spot where Han Martin Diller was buried. This information he got when he was a boy or young man, and he had often seen the grave-stone there. It is a few hundred yards south of the Adam Diller graveyard. The story, as he heard it, was that Han Martin would not be buried in the old graveyard for some reason, and

before his death selected this spot, under a chestnut tree, not far from the Welsh mountain. It is all cultivated now, and has been for some years. The chestnut tree is gone, and nothing whatever remains to mark the spot. He (Mr. Smoker) recollects seeing the grave or graves there, but can only recall the name of Han Martin Diller as one of the occupants of those graves. I asked him whether he ever heard of Caspar Diller in connection with the graves. His reply was, he often heard the name of Caspar mentioned by the old Diller folks, but whether it had any connection with that burial-place he cannot recollect, but the name, Han Martin, he recollects distinctly, being told often by the Diller boys (viz., Peter, Adam, and Enos) who was buried there, and how he came to be buried there, and not in the old graveyard. At any rate nothing remains there now to indicate the spot or place of burial. My father is under the impression he, Caspar, must be buried in the old Adam Diller graveyard. The graveyard is very old; it was there during his recollection, and it may be one of those unmarked graves is his. Mr. Smoker thinks others were buried under the old chestnut tree, at least there was more than one grave.

After writing the above, I met Mr. Wm. Dietrich (Julianna Diller's husband). I inquired of him about the chestnut-tree graveyard. He says it has not been more than five or six years since the tombstones were removed, but where to he is not able to say. Mr. Deitrich says there were five or six large sized stones, some very old, but the names he knows nothing of. No doubt Mrs. Deitrich and her sisters had them removed; but where, nobody here knows.

CASPAR DILLER and BARBARA emigrated to Lancaster County about 1729. They had seven daughters, and three sons, viz. :—

- Jean (or Han) Martin, ancestor of Ringwalt, Sheaffer and Churchtown Branches, and probably of the Blueball and Salisbury Dillers.
  - Caspar, Jr., progenitor of the Cumberland County branch.
    - Five daughters and seven sons, including Martin,
      - Whose children were:
        - Martin, one daughter.
        - Peter, statement reported elsewhere.
        - Joseph, Edwin and other children.
        - Eliza, married Mr. Bollinger, of Missouri, and has several sons.
        - Mary, married Mr. Leidich, and has two sons, Adam and Diller J.
        - Anna, married Daniel Diller, from Hanover.
        - Catherine, unmarried.
        - Rebecca, married Mr. Black, and has one daughter, Salome.
        - Leah, unmarried.
        - Juliana, married Mr. Gilbert (no issue).
  - Philip Adam (progenitor of New Holland and Hanover branches).
    - Adam, John, and perhaps other sons and daughters. John was the progenitor of the Maryland and Lebanon branches.
      - Adam's children were:
        - Anna Margaretta, married Peter Diller, of Hanover.
        - Catharine, married Jacob Ringwalt, fourteen sons and two daughters.
        - Susanna, married Mr. Shafer, a daughter, who married Adam Jacobs.
        - Elizabeth (no issue).
    - Adam,
      - Peter (of Hanover),
      - Adam,
      - John,
      - George,
      - Sallie,
      - Catharine.
    - Anna Maria, married Mr. Bare.
    - Christina, married Peter Baker, and removed to Virginia.
    - Magdalena, married Michael Kinzer, and had children named William, Mary, Elizabeth, George, Amos, and Margaret.
    - Margaretta, married Frederick Baker; their children were Elizabeth, Mary, Frederick Diller, Catharine, Margaret, and Elias.
    - Leonard, married Mary Magdelena Hinkle; their children were Jeremiah, George, Elijah (died in infancy), Adam, Elizabeth, and Mary.
    - Peter, married Elizabeth Roland; their children were Isaac (no issue), George (died in infancy), Catherine (Mrs. Wilson), Elizabeth (Mrs. Luther), Samuel, Mary (Mrs. Shirk), Lydia (Mrs. Filbert), Roland (no issue), Solomon, Amos (died in infancy), Levi (no issue), Maria (died in infancy).
    - Isaac, married, first, Susanna Roland, and had issue named Jonathan, Catharine, William, Julia, Isaac and Rachael. Second wife, Maria Graybill, and had issue named Graybill, Emma Crise, Adam, and Amos.